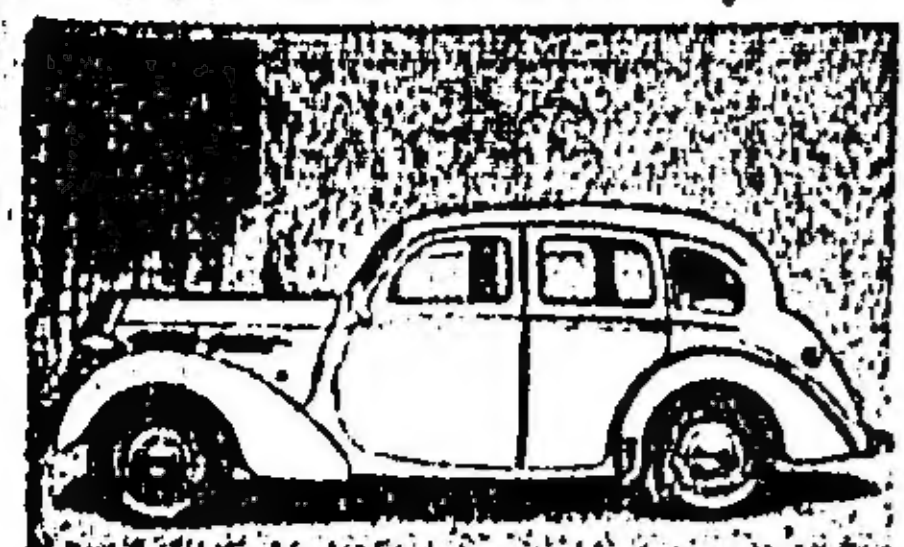


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Bitter Fighting In Spanish Civil War HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE FOR VITAL POSITIONS

Franco's Catalan Drive

BARCELONA,
DEC. 28.

AN OFFICIAL LOYALIST COMMUNIQUE ADMITS THAT THE INSURGENTS HAVE ADVANCED SLIGHTLY IN THE SECTOR AT SOLERA, NORTH-EAST OF BORJAS BLANCAS AND ASPA, BUT CLAIMS THAT THEY PAID HEAVILY FOR THE ADVANCES.

All other reports state that the lines are holding firm under heavy pressure from artillery and tank attacks.

A Saragossa message says that it is officially stated that in the Tremp sector, the Insurgents captured the remainder of the Montsech Sierra, including Santa Maria de Meya, and afterwards advanced south and gained the entire Sierra Hammanet.

North of Balaguer, the Insurgents captured the villages of Alos de Balaguer and Masana. Reports from Lower Segre indicate that the Insurgents have captured the village of Soleras, south of Torrelles, and have reached the outskirts of nearby Albaladea.

ADVANCE ON ALL SECTORS

Burgos reports state that the Insurgents have advanced on all sectors of the Catalan front, and that the offensive continues vigorously. Several kilometres of territory in the northern sector have been seized despite a snowstorm making it difficult to scale the heights over 1,000 metres. Insurgent mopped-up the left bank of the Ebro as far as the heights and the village of Elx, the bridge of which was used by the Loyalists in the Ebro battle to establish contact between the two banks.

It is reported that 1,500 perished in to-day's engagement.

Early morning reports received at Barcelona from the Tremp sector show that the Insurgents, after repeated hammering for five days have slightly improved their positions north of Montsech. They used tanks and infantry and reached the cross-roads.

The Loyalists are immediately preparing for a counter-attack, and are concentrating a company of armoured tanks for the effort.

Fighting is still continuing with the Insurgents losing heavily in hand-to-hand fighting over a very small frozen hillcock, which is being tenaciously contested.

According to a Hendaye message, the first phase of General Franco's "end the war" offensive is completed, and leaders are now preparing a second drive designed to change the map of Catalonia.

TRIANGULAR FRONT

Insurgent despatches claim continued successes on the 60-mile front which is gradually shaping itself into



TWO WOMEN missionaries photographed after the long walk down Lushan Mountain from Kuling, where they had been stranded for many months with food supplies gradually dwindling and the constant threat of Sino-Japanese hostilities being waged in their district. Notice that the woman on the left wears Chinese cloth shoes. For many months foreigners in Kuling have been unable to replace their worn-out clothing.

POPULAR OFFICER GETS NEW COMMAND

COLONEL N. M. S. IRWIN, popular G.S.O.1 of the China Command since 1937, is to leave Hongkong next year to assume command of the 6th Infantry Brigade, according to a War Office announcement, cabled by "Reuter."

Workless Ask For More Dole

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The petition addressed to the King on December 23 by unemployed, requesting an increase in the dole by 4s. 6d. a week for adult persons, and 1s. a week for each child, has elicited a purely formal reply that the King has transmitted the petition to the Cabinet for decision.

A letter sent by the representatives of the unemployed to the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, asking him to convene conferences at which the question of increase in unemployment relief could be discussed, has not yet been answered.

In their petition to the King, the workless requested that the dole should be increased before Christmas so as to enable every unemployed Briton to enjoy at least a Christmas meal and to have a warm room, since the temperature outside was considerably below freezing point.

Trans-Ocean.
A huge triangle, with the apex aimed almost directly at Barcelona, as the triangle began to take shape, it appeared that the walled town of which is gradually shaping itself into

AUSTRALIA SWELTERS

PERTH, Dec. 28.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA and New South Wales are sweltering in an unprecedented heat-wave.

The temperature at Perth to-day was 116 degrees Fahrenheit, while in country places in both states the thermometer soared to 119.—United Press.

Big Drop In China's Customs Revenue

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.
FOLLOWING THE FALL of Canton and Hankow, the Chinese Government has lost 84 per cent. of maritime customs earnings throughout China, according to statistics released by the Maritime Customs authorities in connection with China's trade returns for November, this year.

During November, the total proceeds from maritime customs throughout China amounted to 23,300,000 Yuan showing a decrease of 3,000,000 Yuan from October. The custom earnings registered by the Shanghai Maritime Customs during November totalled 9,000,000 Yuan, which represents 44 per cent. of the whole income in China and which contrasts to 9,700,000 Yuan for October.

The income gained by the stations still under the National Government during November was 10 per cent. of China's total revenue, showing a decrease of 10 per cent. from the previous month. During October, the customs income through the Japanese-occupied areas occupied 68 per cent. of the total earnings in China, but in November they accounted for 94 per cent. of the total revenues in the country.

Two major stations in the areas still held by the Chinese Government are Foochow and Swatow.—Domei.

Ukrainian Peasants Get Stiff Sentences

Warsaw, Dec. 28.

Six Ukrainian peasants of the Polish village of Werbow were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six to 15 years by the district court of Brzezany to-day for being members of an illegal "Nationalist Ukrainian organisation," and for manslaughter.

Respite was given to some of the convicted. They were accused of killing a Polish peasant, who caused the arrest of some Ukrainians, but witnesses proved an alibi for the defendants.

The Polish authorities also prohibited the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Ukrainian cultural organisation "Prosvita" which was scheduled for December 26 and 27. The organisation supports many libraries and reading rooms in Eastern Galicia.—Trans-Ocean.

C.C.C. OFFICIALS ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.
Five officials of the Continental Credit Corporation of Winchester in Indiana, and its associated firms, have been convicted by a Federal jury of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Schemes organised by the defendants are alleged by the Government to have cost business houses and individuals in the Middle West \$240,000.—Reuter.

THE "MOTHER
OF CHINA'S
GUERRILLAS"
IN HONGKONG



THIS IS THE "MOTHER" OF THE Chinese guerrillas, Madame Chao Yu-ling, photographed just before she left Hongkong for the South Seas. She is the moving spirit behind thousands of guerrillas operating throughout China.

MOBILISATION ON FULL WAR FOOTING

TOKYO, Dec. 28.

PRACTICALLY FULL INVOCATION of the National General Mobilisation Act will be made early next year following approval by the National Mobilisation Council of six new draft Imperial Ordinances relating to the enforcement of Articles 6, 10, 11 and 13 of the Act.

The six Imperial Ordinances relate, respectively, to the control of wages, restriction of working hours in factories, restriction of dividends by business corporations, appropriation of factories and workshops, appropriation of land, buildings and various establishments and requisitioning of commodities.

It is pointed out that invocation of the mobilisation articles is inspired to concentrate Japan's entire economic resources for the building up of a new order in East Asia.

The measures will be executed in conjunction with the 3-year plan for the expansion of the productive capacity of industries which was approved and referred to the Government on Tuesday by the Planning Board.

To-day's session of the National Mobilisation Council to approve the Imperial Ordinance plans was held at 9.45 a.m. at the official residence of Premier Konoye.

Upon invocation of the new provisions, all business corporations with capitals exceeding 200,000 Yen will be prohibited from declaring dividends over 10 per cent. per annum, while further increase in the rate of dividend will be denied those corporations which are at present paying more than 10 per cent. dividends per annum.—Domei.

CHIANG REJECTS TOKYO PEACE TERMS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.

JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS, which included, besides those contained in the statement by Prince Konoye on December 22, the granting to Japan of the right to station troops at specific points in China as long as the proposed anti-Comintern pact remained in force, and the right to domicile all parts of China for the Japanese, were more extensive and stiffer than those presented to China before the outbreak of the hostilities, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day.

He added: "If the earlier terms were unacceptable to China, how can the country, after 18 months of fighting and suffering, accept the present demand? What have we been fighting for?"

He emphasised that China cannot accept any terms which violate her territorial or administrative integrity, or which are contrary to the League Covenant or the Nine-Power Treaty.

It was stated to-day that Chinese casualties since the beginning of the hostilities are estimated at 850,000 of which 300,000 have been killed. Japanese casualties are estimated at 650,000.—Reuter.

LATEST

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Further Late News

SCHOOL-GIRL LAUNCHES H.K. SHIP

Penelope Dodwell, 10-year-old daughter of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell, launching a new waterboat for the Union Waterboat Company at Kowloon Docks yesterday.



WARSHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

BEIRUT, Dec. 28.

A TORPEDO-BOAT of the Levant naval division has been ordered to proceed to Djibouti, ahead of the gunboat Diberville, which was also ordered to Djibouti yesterday.—Reuter.

9 Million Jobless In United States

New York, Dec. 28.

The number of unemployed in the United States during November totalled 9,211,000, compared with 9,000,000 in October, and 7,761,000 a year ago. These figures are issued to-day by the National Industrial Conference Board.—Reuter.

10 CHINCHILLAS WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD

CONTENTEDLY nibbling peanuts and grain within a stone's throw of historic Caister Castle, near Great Yarmouth, are ten grey-furred little creatures, each worth its weight in gold.

Ran Down Line to Save Express

WITH an express train due in a few seconds, Signalman Foulkes, of Stramshall (Staffs), recently saw a heavy motor-lorry crash through the closed gates of a crossing near Uttoxeter and swing round on to the lines.

The signals were set clear for the express. Foulkes pulled the lever and, dashing down the steps of his cabin, raced along the line. He had had no time to snatch up a red flag. Instead, he waved his arms as he ran.

ALMOST TOUCHING

He was seen by the driver of the express. The train slackened speed and came to a halt, its buffers almost touching the lorry. The driver of the lorry, H. Hall, of Hayles End, Worcester, said the prompt action of the signalman prevented a disaster as there was not a second to be lost.

Mr. Fred Foulkes, a married man of 44, with two children, has worked at the Hockley Crossing box for 19 years.

"IN THE DAY'S WORK"

Mr. Foulkes said: "I pulled the signals to danger and grabbed the first thing I saw, a warning detonator, and dashed out of the box along the line. I had no time to use the detonator, but I waved my arms and shouted as I ran."

"The express was now only 100 yards away but the driver saw me and did everything to stop. He pulled up within a few yards of the lorry just as the driver was getting out of the cab."

"The lorry-driver would certainly have been killed if I hadn't been able to stop the train. However, I look on this as part of the day's work. It is what we are paid for by the company."

"I've seen several similar accidents at this point but never such a narrow escape before."

Girl's Breach Warning

Belfast.

"Every girl longs for romance, but to choose a husband through a matrimonial advertisement is a leap in the dark. I am glad I have won and been vindicated. But my unhappy experience will be a warning to other girls."

Twenty-two-year-old Miss Annie Smith, of Gate Lodge, Freen-road, Londonderry, gave this warning recently to love-struck girls. She was awarded £400 damages in the Ulster High Court here for breach of promise of marriage against Mr. Robert Boyd, of Dundonald, Belfast.

Miss Smith told the under-sheriff and jury that she answered an advertisement for a wife two years ago in a Belfast newspaper.

She received a reply from Mr. Boyd, who was found to be a married man with two children.

She went away with him for weekends, she said, and relied on his assertions that his intentions were honourable. Later a child was born.

They are chinchillas, brought from the South American Andes by plane, steamer and train to start the only chinchilla farm in Great Britain.

The export of chinchillas from their native soil had at one time reached 400,000 skins.

Now, through the demands of fashion and other causes, there are fewer than 2,000 of them in the whole world.

Owner of the ten "pioneers" of the English industry—which represents an attempt to break what is almost a U.S.A. monopoly—is Mr. Fletcher Robert, a New Zealander, of Caister Road, Great Yarmouth.

His belief that the chinchilla will thrive in the Norfolk air has already been justified by the arrival of four healthy offspring. More are expected.

FIRST IN BRITAIN

"With less than average luck," Mr. Robert said, "each pair should in five years multiply to 60."

The "babies" are the first born in Britain, where it was formerly believed impossible for them to breed. "I believe we shall have better chinchillas even than in America," declared Mr. Robert.

The chinchilla's fur is the most expensive in the world. A coat made from about 120 pelts would cost £20,000; most of the few coats in England to-day are heirlooms. So serious became the problem of the disappearance of the little animal that the Governments of Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Bolivia once passed laws prohibiting export and trapping on pain of the loss of a hand for the first offence and death for the second.

DOCTOR'S MENTAL BOARDERS \$45 FINE

For keeping persons of unsound mind in an unlicensed house, a former assistant medical officer of health had to pay fines and costs totalling £260 at Bournemouth recently.

There were summonses relating to three people against Dr. William Vere Taylor Styles, of Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth. He was fined £15 on each and ordered to pay £15 costs.

Mr. H. J. Bacham, prosecuting, said Dr. Styles had various persons living with him, including the three mentioned in the summonses. It was alleged that payments were made to Dr. Styles by relatives. The house was not licensed.

Two doctors said in evidence that under an order of the Lord Chancellor they visited Dr. Styles' premises and examined the three patients, who, in their opinion, were certifiable as of unsound mind.

Dr. Styles pleaded not guilty, and Mr. J. Amplett (defending), submitted that the nursing home did not belong to Dr. Styles but to his wife, and that the patients were not lunatics.

He said Dr. Styles was made bankrupt in 1936 and was still undischarged.

The only connection the doctor had with the nursing home was that he occasionally gave advice to his wife. Mrs. Styles relied on the doctors who sent patients to her and she could not very well turn round and say that a patient was a lunatic.

Doctors who sent the three patients to the nursing home said in evidence that in their opinion, they were not of unsound mind.

Pedigree Fails Cat

Saint John, N.B.

Emory Colwell, poultry fancier, was justified in killing a prize-winning cat, owned by neighbour Edward Craig, when he found it stealing a chicken. That was Magistrate G. Earle Logan's decision.

O.B.E. Medal For Dead Brothers

Two brothers, Edward and James Letch, Dunholme Road, Edmonton, burnt to death in the Edmonton air disaster last September, have been posthumously awarded the medal of the Order of the British Empire for their gallantry in trying to save the pilot of the burning R.A.F. plane.

The announcement was made recently. It was on a Sunday when most of the families in Dunholme Road were at their midday meal that the disaster occurred.

The Letch brothers, who were returning home, rushed to rescue the pilot, Sgt. S. R. Morris. While they were tearing at the straps which held him to the wreckage of his cockpit the petrol tank exploded and fierce flames shot out.

Both brothers were soaked in petrol and in a few seconds were in flames. Edward, who was 20, died almost as soon as he reached hospital and James (24) died early the next day. The charred body of the pilot was later recovered.

Bishop Offers To Mediate To Save Divorces

THE Bishop of Armidale (the Right Rev. J. S. Moyes) has offered himself as mediator in any home in his diocese in which divorce proceedings are contemplated.

His reconciliation offer is contained in a letter to his parishioners published in the Armidale Diocesan News.

His desire, he says, is to keep people away from the Divorce Court. Bishop Moyes is the leader on social questions in the Anglican Church.

He is chairman of the social questions committee of the Australian General Synod.

"Divorce in the home, like war among nations, is an acknowledgment of the bankruptcy of our higher life," he said.

"Before going to the Divorce Court, every effort to effect reconciliation should be made."

"As Bishop, as a partner in marriage for 30 years, and as a missionary for 20 years, I offer to help at reconciliation in any home where husband and wife are drifting apart."

"A home made is a contribution to the nation."

"Rifts which break up homes might be stopped if attempts at reconciliation are made in the early stages."

"In physical illness people go to their doctor," said Bishop Moyes. "If they suffer from spiritual or psychological ills, there is no reason why they should not ask help from their spiritual physicians."

The tragedy of divorce, Bishop Moyes added, was the ease with which it could be obtained.

YEARS OF STOMACH AGONY

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The story of this woman at 67 will give new hope to thousands of stomach sufferers. "For years," writes Mrs. T. J. W., "I suffered untold agonies. I was afraid to eat and was constantly under the doctor. I was treated for Gastritis, Ulcers, Colic and Indigestion. One day I thought I would give Maclean Brand Stomach Powder a trial, and when I told my doctor I was taking it he said 'keep on with it.' I did, and I am thankful to say I am now completely cured and able to eat anything."

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John B. Galatis of Fairmount, Mo., father of five children, wants to pay off the mortgage on his home, remodel it and educate his children. But like a lot of us, he needs money. So he is willing to sell one of his eyes for \$10,000. Above, his four-year-old daughter Vivian wonders how her daddy will look with one eye gone.

QUEEN'S AID WITH JIG-SAW PUZZLE

But Pieces Were Missing

WHEN the King and Queen spent over two hours in the East End recently they received one of the greatest welcomes of their reign.

First they went to the Queen's Hospital for Children, in Hackney Road, E., where they were received by Lord Liffie, president of the hospital, and by the Mayors of Bethnal Green, Hackney, Shoreditch and Stoke Newington.

The Queen was dressed in black, with a high-brimmed black hat, and the King wore a black tie with his "short" black coat. Lily Bruley and George Faulkner were playing in the Princess Elizabeth Ward with a jig-saw puzzle representing the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent when the royal party arrived. The Queen tried to fit one piece in.

BIT OF ANOTHER

"No, your Majesty, that bit belongs to another puzzle," explained Lily. "We've finished this one now."

The Queen asked why there were still some blank spaces left and Lily explained that some of the pieces had been lost.

At Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, the first of the universities settlements, the King and Queen were received by the Archbishop of Canterbury (the chairman) and Dr. J. J. Mallon (the warden). On the floodlit roof they watched girls playing basket ball.

In the canteen the King and Queen saw ten being served by the Toynbee Hall domestic staff to the workmen who built the new wing and their wives.

A FOURPENNY GRILL

"How much do you charge for meals?" the Queen asked Mrs. Boyd, who is organising the new canteen. "They can have a grill for fourpence," was the reply.

NEW DANCE FOLLOWS LAMBETH WALK

The King's liking for the shanty "The Village Blacksmith" has inspired the new community dance "The Chestnut Tree," which is expected to succeed the Lambeth Walk. The dance was recently performed in public for the first time at a London dance hall and at 500 public dances throughout the country.

A song writer spent a day at the King's camp for boys at Southwold, Suffolk, and watched the King singing the song with the gestures.

The King stretched his arms ("spreading"), touched his chest and head (chestnut), then hung up his arms to indicate a tall tree. From this Miss Adele England arranged a ballroom dance routine. Dancers are supposed to sing "The Village Blacksmith" in dance time with emphasis on "Under the spreading chestnut tree."

Mr. C. L. Hieamm, who launched the ballroom version of the Lambeth Walk, says: "The Chestnut Tree will outshine everything." The King and Queen did the Lambeth Walk at the Ghillies' Ball at Balmoral last month.

The Chestnut Tree is to be televised shortly.

"And don't forget they get chip potatoes for that, too," said Dr. Mallon.

The Queen asked how it could be done so cheaply, and was told it was because the overhead expenses were very small.

Before they left the royal party watched men and women ballet dancers rehearsing in the new theatre. From the stage Dr. Mallon said that it was the first visit of a Sovereign to Toynbee Hall, and it would always be remembered.

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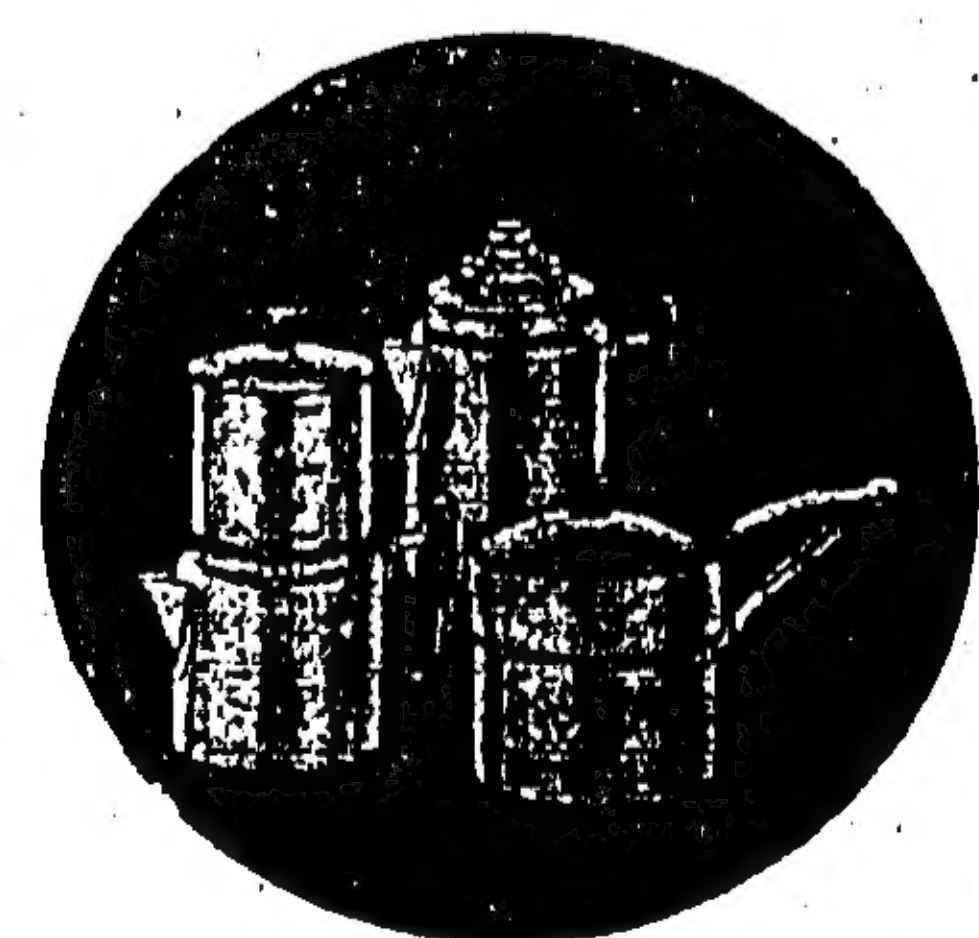
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EX-CITY CLERK AS "KING OF CHINA"

Made Fortune From Spain

BECAUSE, in two years, he has made a fortune running ships to Spain, Mr. Jack Albert Billmeir, 37-years-old London shipowner, is called "The King of Spain" in the City. Now he may soon be called "The King of China" too.

His fleet of 22 British-registered ships is now being used to take arms and food supplies for the Chinese Government as well as for the Spanish Government.

Recently 6,000 tons of arms and ammunition were unloaded from his steamer Stanhill at Rangoon, Burma.

The arms, which come from the Soviet Union, will be transported to China by barges and special convoys of lorries.

The Stanhill, which is owned by the Stanhope Steamship Company, Ltd., of which Mr. Billmeir is principal shareholder, has for the past two years been engaged on Spanish war trade.

She arrived off Rangoon, and lay outside the harbour strongly guarded, waiting for permission to unload.

While Billmeir's officials were wondering yesterday whether the unloading of the arms might cause international complications, Mr. Billmeir was spending a quiet week-end out of town.

"I'm not going to say where he is," his secretary said. "We want no publicity at all."

HIS BIG CHANCE

Jack Billmeir's rise to one of the strongest places in British shipping has been meteoric. He was a shipbroker's clerk, and the Stanhope Steamship Company, Ltd., with their two ships, were almost unknown.

Then war broke out in Spain. Quickly, Billmeir, who is plump, reserved, and wears place-nez, gained control, and in two years increased the fleet to 22 vessels.

While trading in the Mediterranean several of his ships have been bombed and shelled. He featured in the storms of protest which followed the attacks on the British flag.

He owns an unpretentious villa named Lamorna in Stanhope-road, Hornsey. Almost every one of his ships has a name beginning with "Stan" after the quiet Hornsey road where he has lived for many years.

Now he has bought a large house in Bishop's Avenue, East Finchley, and a large country residence near Whitstable, Kent. Bishop's Avenue is called "Millionaires' Avenue" locally because so many rich men live there.

"MADE A MILLION"

Many rival shipowners say that Billmeir made nearly a million pounds in Spanish war trade.

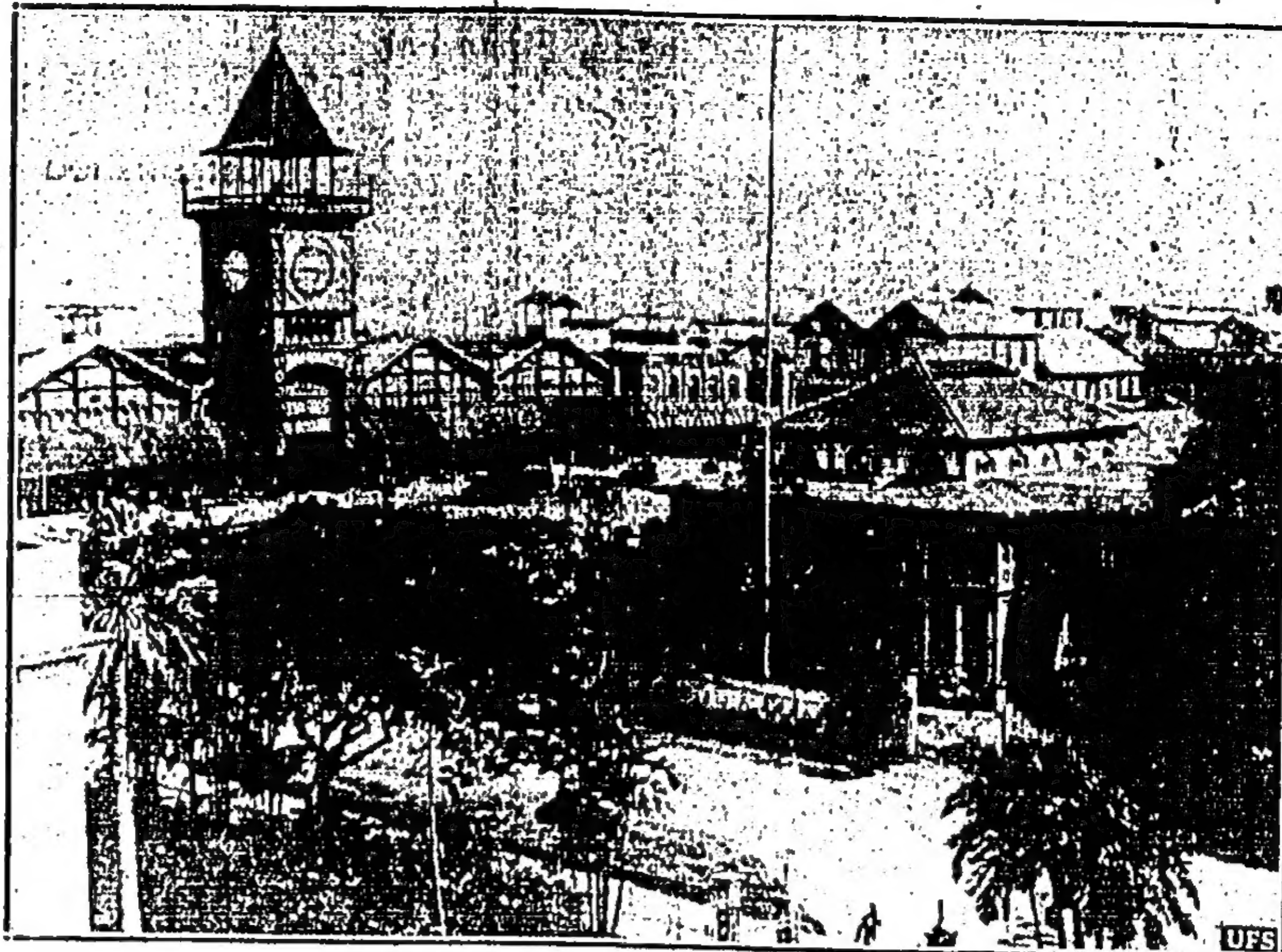
But prohibitive insurance charges, low cargo rates, and heavy risks of shelling by General Franco's gunboats and aeroplanes have cut down the "big money" that was to be made.

Owners of the 140 British-registered ships trading to Spain are beginning to look elsewhere.

Imported Eggs Kill A Girl

South Shields, (Durham). A germ from imported duck eggs caused the death of twelve-year-old Veronien Hudson, of Livingstone-street, South Shields, it was revealed at the inquest in South Shields recently.

Veronien died on November 8, and the following day her father, mother and two brothers were taken to hospital. They have since recovered.



If new surveys of British Guiana prove promising, according to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Britain will lease 10,000 square miles "on generous terms" to Jewish refugees from Germany. This is a view of Stabroek Market in Georgetown, capital city. British Guiana's principal products are rice, coffee, coconuts, diamonds and rum.

MOTHER NOT SURE WHICH IS WHICH

DENHAM (Bucks).

TONY and Monty Maling, eleven-year-old twins, are so alike that their mother, Mrs. Beatrice Maling, uncertain which is really Monty and which Tony, recently asked the Rev. W. Allan, curate of Denham, if she could have them rebaptised.

She believes that after their first baptism, when they were babies, Tony may have become Monty, and Monty Tony.

Mr. Allan told her he did not think it was possible by the orthodox law of the Church of England for a child to receive a second baptism.

Mrs. Maling said at her home in New Denham - road, Denham: "They're getting more difficult to tell apart as they grow older. I don't know what will happen when they start taking the girls out, or if somebody leaves one of them some money."

"Of course, they've each known themselves by the same name for years now. And my instinct tells me which is Tony and which is Monty. But this is how I think they may have got mixed."

"When they were babies I had a blue ribbon on Tony and a pink ribbon on Monty. But when they were four months old we took the ribbons off, and engaged a girl to take them out in the pram and put them to bed."

"Tony always had the top end of the pram and the right half of the bed. But the girl couldn't tell which was which. I think she may have muddled them."

"Connie, their little sister, and I are the only people who can tell them apart. My husband can't. He's given up trying. He's always calling them by the wrong names."

Girl Tenor Dies In Hollywood

Ruby Helder, the little girl with the man's voice, who sang on the radio some years ago, has died in Hollywood.

Bristol was her home town. Santley heard her sing and gave her lessons for seven years.

A Vienna throat specialist said her larynx was heavier than the ordinary woman's.

Her ambition was to sing in opera, but her trouble was that, although her voice was big enough for the tenor's music, her presence was inadequate for the tenor's strut.

For the past few years she had lived in America, retired. She was 48 when she died.

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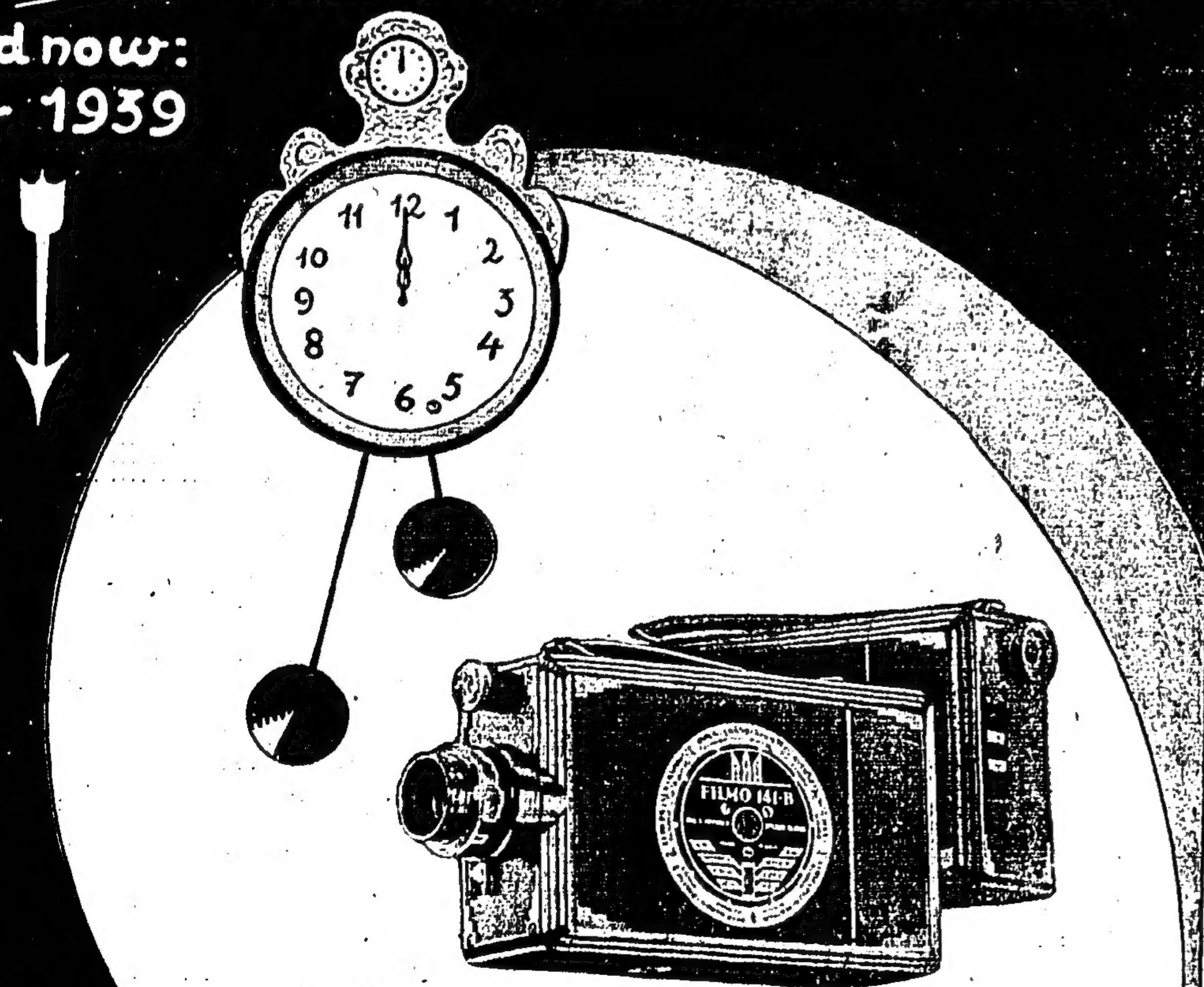
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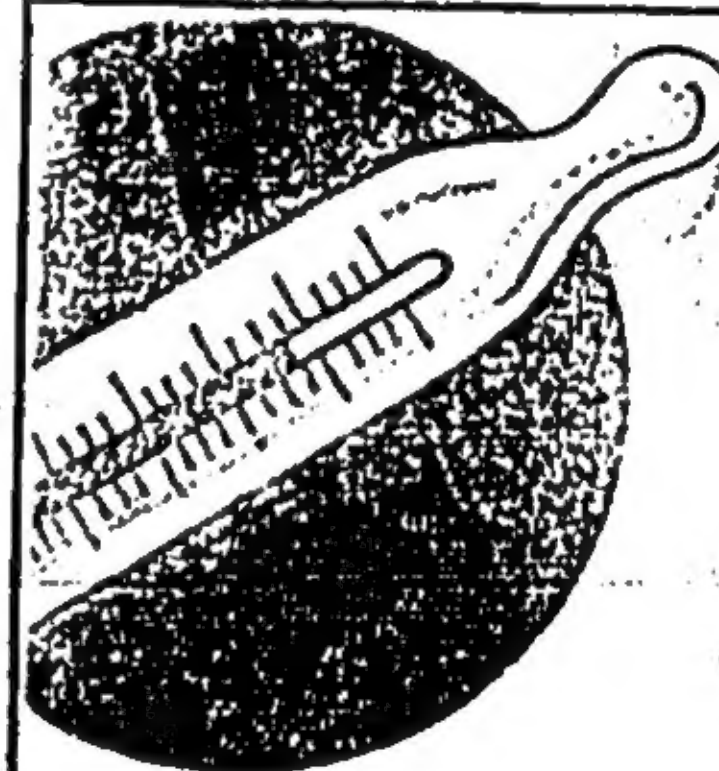
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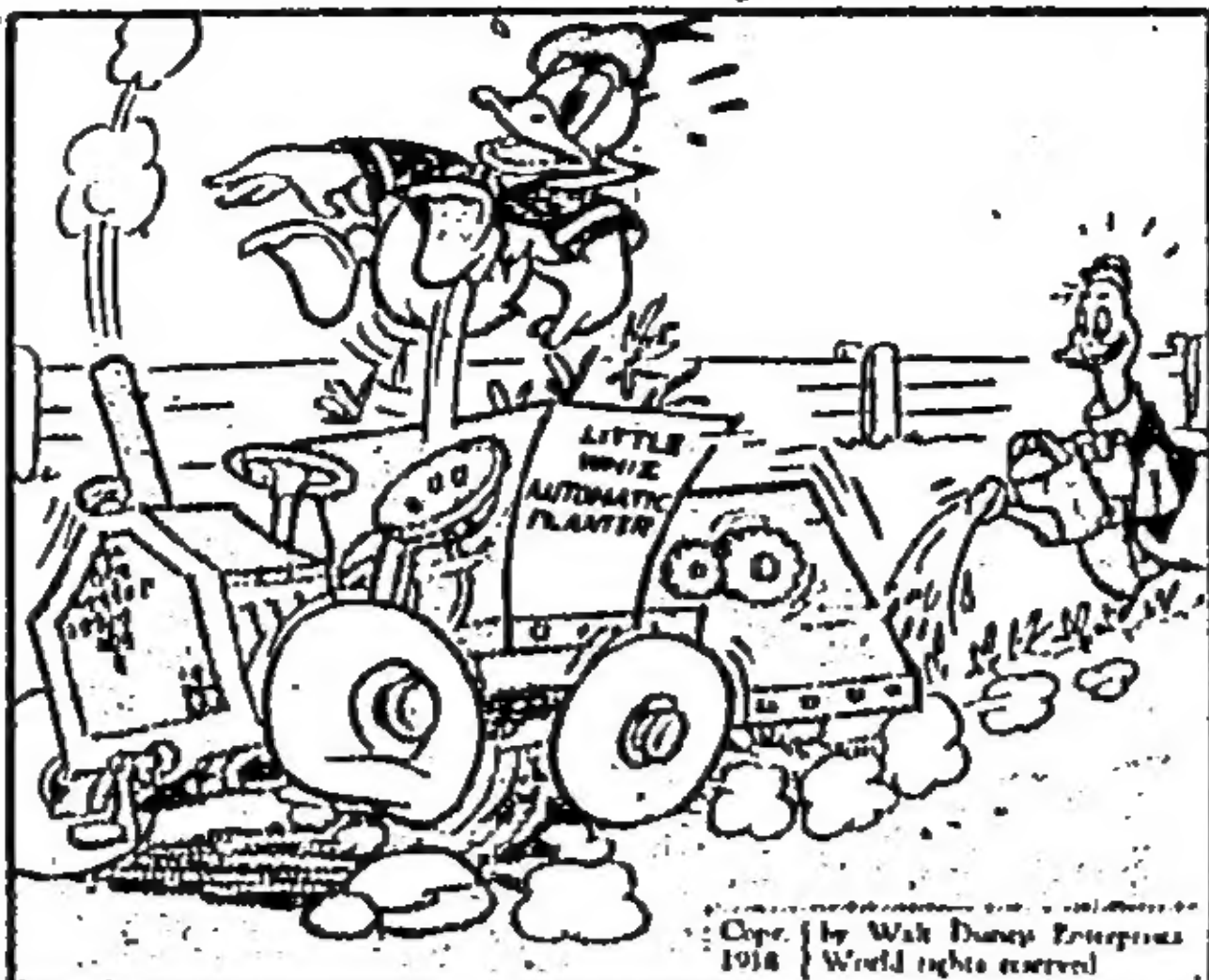
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DRIVER DISCHARGED

No Evidence of Going At Excessive Speed

A charge of driving without due care and caution against Tso Kam, licensed lorry driver, who it was alleged knocked down and killed a sixteen-year-old youth on November 29 in an attempt to avoid colliding with two others who had run out into Queen's Road Central, was dismissed by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when the case was resumed.

Chief Inspector Saunders, of the Traffic Department, prosecuted, and Tso was defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

It will be remembered that at a previous hearing, the charge was amended from the original one of dangerous driving, by Mr. R. Edwards, after the case for the prosecution had closed.

Defendant, it was alleged, was driving along Queen's Road on the night of November 29 when two boys ran out from under a verandah. In an attempt to avoid them, he swerved into a pillar, but knocked down a youth who was standing on the pavement.

Evidence of defendant's speed was given at the previous hearing by a Chinese witness who described himself as a marine hawk, and who said that defendant's lorry at the time of the accident was travelling "faster than a bus and slower than a motor car."

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Russ admitted that defendant had no case to answer because there was no evidence with regard to the speed of defendant was said to have been travelling at.

Mr. Houston held that there had been no evidence of defendant's lorry having travelled at an excessive speed, but remarked that the case had been properly brought by the Traffic Department. Mr. Houston remarked that there should always be an inquiry after a fatal accident.

BELIEVED DROWNED

Cyclist Who Rode Into The Harbour

Three young Chinese, Ho Cheung, 16, Ah Ki, 15, and Ah Yuen, 15, hired bicycles in Wanchai on Tuesday and went joy-riding. They rode along Gloucester Road, when Ah Yuen got too close to the edge on the north side, and losing control, went into the harbour. He was not seen again, and is believed to have been drowned.

The bicycle was later recovered by the police.

FALL FROM BUS

An Indian, A. Rahim, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital on Tuesday for treatment to injuries received when he was either knocked down or fell from a bus which he was attempting to board in Prince Edward Road. He suffered cuts to the head and face.

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BOGUS POLICEMEN

Daring Hold-Up Of Lorry At Shaukiwan

The holding up of a motor lorry by six Chinese in Shaukiwan on November 5, had a sequel in the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when Yiu Kim-kwong, 29, clerk, and Ho Ching-ling, 32, theatre attendant, were charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with having robbed (together with others not in custody) Chan Wun and Yeung Tit of 20 bags of wolfram ore, three baskets of eggs and three accused was additionally charged with receiving the wolfram ore, knowing it to have been stolen.

The following comprised the Jury: Messrs. H. E. Farrell (Foreman), Chang Kun-chuen, Pun Yun-hoi, Anson Yau, A. Hussain, J. M. O. dos Remedios and Lo Ho-lee.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, said the case was remarkable for more than one reason. The crime was committed in broad daylight, and took place in a populous district in Shaukiwan. There were six men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, and who pretended to be vested with all the authority which the police normally had. However, if the allegations of the Crown were true, two of these men had been brought to book and part of the property had been recovered.

Early on November 5 a junk arrived in Shaukiwan from San Mei with the goods, consigned to the Cheung Ching and Cheung Yik firms, of Wing Hin Street.

The masters of these shops were notified, and they detailed Chan Wun and Yeung Tit to go to Shaukiwan and collect the goods. Chan and Yeung engaged a motor lorry, and on arriving at Shaukiwan began to transfer the cargo to the vehicle. After this was done, Chan returned to the body of the lorry while Yeung sat next to the driver, but just as they were about to drive away six men came rushing up. They said they were police officers and were going to take the party to the Central Police Station.

Armed With Revolver

Although the men were not in uniform, both Chan and Yeung felt they had some authority, for the first accused was carrying a revolver and the second had a police whistle attached to his chain. The pseudo policemen boarded the lorry and on arriving at Talkeo Dock, the first accused gave instructions to stop, and then turned to Yeung and demanded money. The second prisoner, who was sitting in the body of the lorry, also got off and re-inforced the demand by saying "sui" (water), which was Chinese slang for money.

By this time, Yeung was more than suspicious that these men were not what they purported to be, and therefore although he had \$80 on him he pretended he had no money. He went on to suggest that he be allowed to go to his shop to get it, and to give an air of truth to his story he asked the driver to lend him ten cents for his tram fare. This was done, and Yeung was allowed to go.

Immediately afterwards, the robbers gave instructions to the driver to continue towards Wanchai. Meanwhile, Yeung had boarded a tram, and on looking back, saw the lorry following. After the lorry had passed, he got off and telephoned his master. He was told to report the matter at the Bay View Police Station, which he did.

Continuing, Mr. Whyatt said that when the lorry arrived opposite the Luk Kwok Hotel, Gloucester Road, the driver was again told to stop. The robbers then said they would take the goods to the Tsimshatsui Police Station, instead of Central, and accordingly the first accused engaged a motor-boat. Chan Wun, by this time, had become suspicious and he struggled to get away from the lorry. The robbers attempted to push him into the motor-boat, but he managed to escape and rush towards the No. 2 Police Station where he made a report.

Although the driver suddenly saw Chan run away, he did not seem to realise what it was all about, and he obeyed the orders of the robbers to drive to Murray Pier. When they got there, the robbers left the lorry and transferred the merchandise to a sampan. The driver asked the first accused for his fare, and received the reply that he was from Central Police Station. Nevertheless, the driver persisted in his demand, and eventually the first prisoner signed a chit for it.

Goods Traced

Reports having been made to the Police, enquiries were at once started, and the masters of the two shops went to the Vehicular Ferry wharf in an endeavour to trace the driver of the lorry. They succeeded, and in consequence of what he told them, they immediately engaged a motor-boat and crossed the harbour. Eventually they came across a lorry driver named Ho Ching, who would tell the Court that early that morning, whilst

he was standing near the Kowloon Godowns in Canton Road, he was asked to take three baskets of eggs to 286 Shanghai Street. He went to this address, and found another lorry outside the place and eggs being loaded on to it.

Enquiries made later at the address disclosed that early that morning about five or six men came to the floor with several small bags of eggs and feathers. As these caused an obstruction, they were told to take them away, and about fifteen minutes later a lorry and a taxi-cab arrived and removed the goods.

All the wolfram ore dealers in Shamshui and Mongkok were visited, and in the Wing Cheung shop in Shamshui some folks were found shifting bags of wolfram ore. In the cockpit, the second accused was discovered, and the owner of the shop, Chui Kwok, said he had just purchased the wolfram ore from him. Accused did not say anything to this, but when the detective said he was making enquiries about a robbery in Shaukiwan, he admitted he did take part in a "squeeze".

Enquiries continued, and eventually the driver of the lorry which removed the merchandise from the address in Shanghai Street, was located. In consequence of what he said, the first prisoner was arrested in Kowloon City on November 12. He said a police reservist had asked him to follow him, but did not say he was going to rob.

The case was adjourned to 10 a.m. to-day.

HONGKONG'S MOST FAMOUS PIRATE

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Ma-chow Wong. There are some entries in Chinese of moneys received from or for Mr. Caldwell.

ALTHOUGH every effort was made by interested parties to prevent the case from being brought to Court, the evidence was such that it would have been highly injudicious to have made any further pretence of concealment. Consequently, Ma-chow Wong was tried at the September Criminal Sessions of 1937 for "confederating with pirates," and was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude at the prison settlement on the Island of Labuan near British North Borneo.

Mr. Caldwell was naturally grief-stricken at the course of events, but he still managed to be able to exert his influence so that his protégé did not have to submit to the indignity of having his handsome queue docked, as was then the custom with Chinese prisoners in the gaol.

Finally, on November 13, 1853, Ma-chow Wong, in company with fifty-nine other convicted Chinese felons, was sent away from the Colony, and after being in Labuan for a couple of years, he once more came into the limelight as a result of acting as the ringleader of an attempted uprising in which it was planned to release all the prisoners and murder the European wardens and Indian guards.

However, one of the convicts got "cold feet," and, appalled by the callous slaughter of so many people that the successful perpetration of the murder-plot would entail, went to the Prison Superintendent on the eve of the attempt, and confessed everything. As a result, five years were added to Wong's sentence,

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12.45 Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

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1 Time and Weather.

1.03 Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Walter Glynn (Tenor).

The Music Comes (O. Strauss); Her First Dance (Heykens)...Marek Weber and His Orchestra; The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Eatherley-Elliott)...Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Piano; Musical Box (Heykens); Springtime Serenade (Heykens)...Marek Weber and His Orchestra; A Dream Of Paradise (Gray and Littleton); Old Rustic Bridge By The Mill (Skelly)...Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Organ and Male Chorus; To-Night—Tango (Lesso-Valerio); Zigeuner, You Have Stolen My Heart—Tango (Grothe)...Marek Weber and His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

1.30 Reuter and Hagby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Max Miller, Jimmie Rodgers, Judy Garland and Jay Wilbur and His Band.

Dance Orchestra—I'm Happy When You're Happy—Fox-Trot (from "Hide and Seek"); The First Time I Saw You—Fox-Trot (from "Tootsie"); New York—Jay Wilbur and His Band; Comedian—The Christmas Dinner (Miller); Just Another Sally (Carlton)...Max Miller with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Sympathy (Waltz from "Firefly"); That Old Feeling (from "Vogues of 1938")...Jay Wilbur and His Band with vocal refrain; Yodel—Prairie Lullaby (Hill); Down The Old Road To Home (Harvey)...Jimmie Rodgers with His Guitar; Vocal—Swing, Mister Charlie (Brooks); Stompin' At The Savoy (Simpson)...Judy Garland with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—With "Mary" Tattooed On His Arm (Trafford, Ives); So Many Memories (Woods)...Jay Wilbur and His Band with vocal chorus.

2.15 Close Down.

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THE years passed by, and gradually his spirit came to be broken. At length in 1869, Sir John Pope Hennessy (who subsequently became Governor of Hongkong) and Mr. J. R. Howard, the Superintendent of Convicts at Labuan, prevailed upon the Home Government to award him a free pardon. Upon this being granted he returned to the Colony, whence he had been sent away more than ten years before. Immediately on his arrival here, he was arrested, but upon presenting his discharge papers from Labuan he was released, and was permitted to take up his residence here again. However, he found things vastly changed. Piracy was no more. The administration of Sir Hercules Robinson had effectively cleared up the augan-like corruption of the previous decade, and his erstwhile protector and business associate, Mr. D. R. Caldwell was now living in retirement at his residence in Hollywood Road.

Wong thought of proceeding to Canton, and when he did so he was welcomed by the Imperial officials, who offered him a commission and a mandarin's button

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7.45 Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

1. Vision—Waltz (Makczel); Interval Pastoral (arr. Lane Wilson)...Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accom. by George Reeves; 2. Caravana—Festosa (Luigi Available).

8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

1. Intermezzo (Jessel); 4. Boston Waltz (Weber); Interval Naut D'Espagne (from "Scenes Pittoresques"—Massenet)...Georges Thill (Tenor) with Maurice Faure at the Piano; 5. L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1 (Bizet).

8.30 London Relay—"At The Black Dog".

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.

9 London Relay—Harry Evans "And A Piano".

9.15 London Relay—"World Affairs." A talk by H. Wickham Steed.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano) and Yehudi Menuhin (Violin).

Fisher-Ways (Schubert); The Fishermans; The Secret (Schubert)...Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano accom. by Goenraad V. Bos; Hungarian Dance No. 7 In A Major (Brahms); Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate)...Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accom. by Marcel Guzele.

10.05 From Petri at the Piano.

Sonata In C Sharp Minor ("Moonlight") (Beethoven—Op. 27, No. 2).

10.21 Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92.

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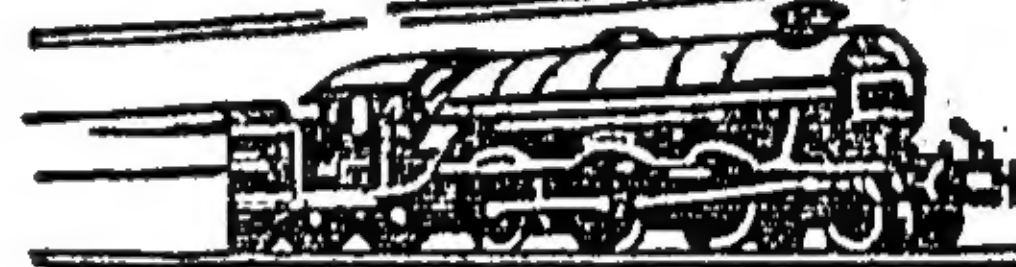
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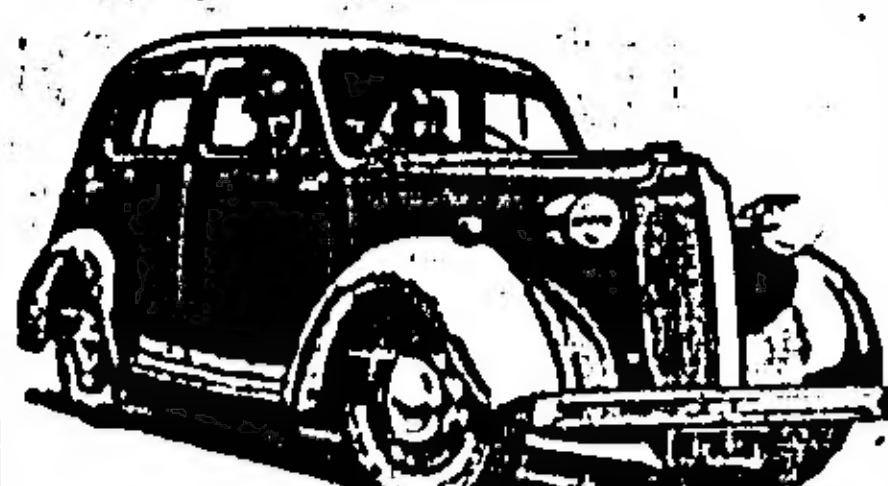
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Black Man's Continent

THE DEY OF ALGIERS hit the French Consul on the head with his fly-swatter.

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There was a diplomatic incident, a blockade of Algiers, and a shot was fired. A French Expeditionary Force landed, and the conquest of this part of the African coast began.

That fly-swatter ought to rank with the Serajevo bullet. It started one of the most drama-packed incidents of the history of the world—the carve-up of the continent of Africa among European nations.

It has a very special interest to-day, because France and Italy are now wrangling over Djibouti.

The last independent African kingdom disappeared when Italy annexed Abyssinia. Now there's nothing left to wrangle over but the other man's possessions.

Why is Italy so anxious to obtain possession of this small, arid French Colony, which breeds nothing but goats, grows nothing but a small quantity of gum?

It is waterless save along the southern frontier, where lies British Somaliland. It is a chaotic mass of volcanic rocks, destitute of vegetation and presenting in places a scene of weird desolation.

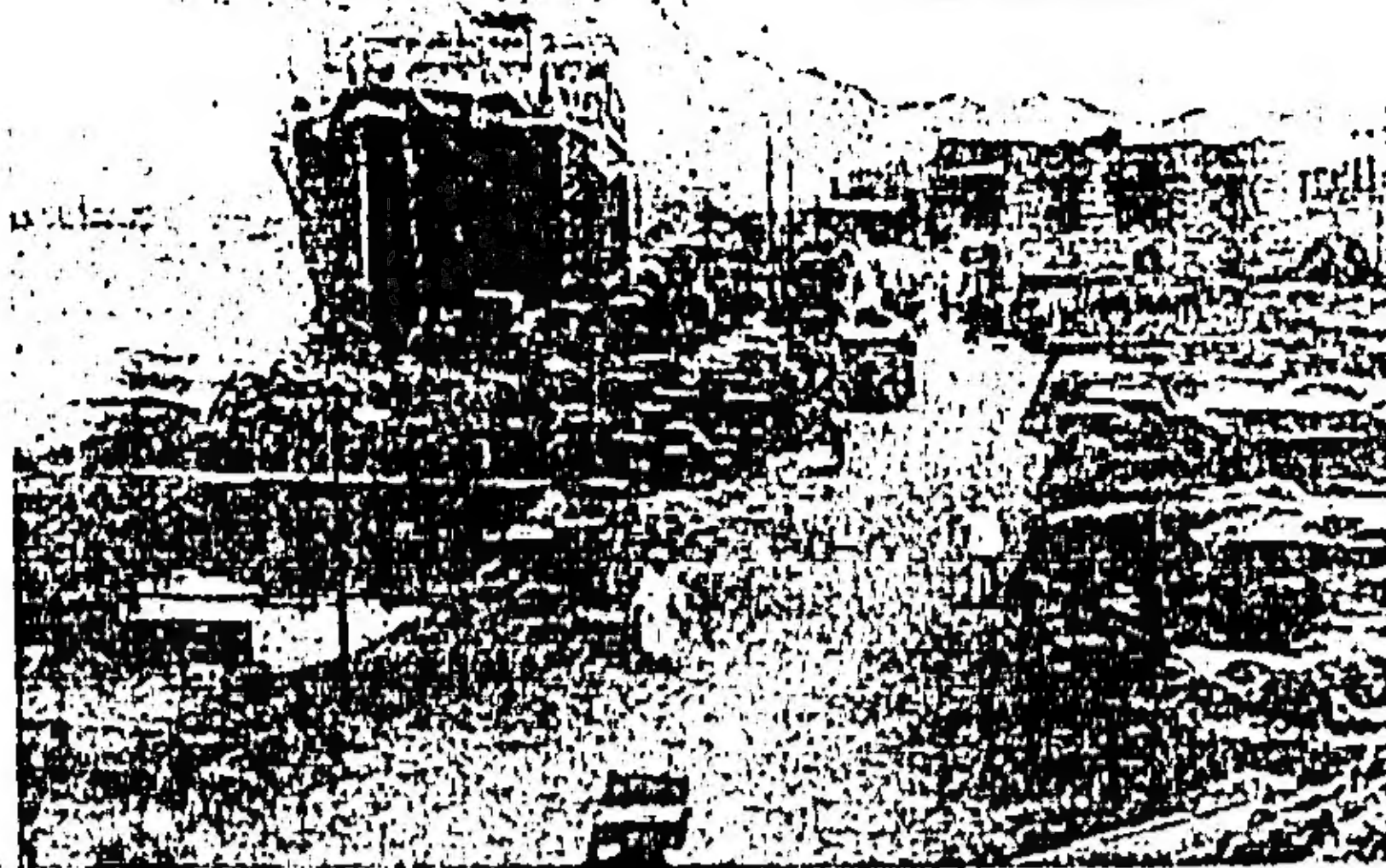
Italy cannot possibly want French Somaliland—and threaten even to go to war to get it—for its resources or for colonisation purposes.

No, that is not the reason. It has a harbour, Djibouti. It has a railway terminal (the other end of which is at Addis Ababa, capital of Italy's newest Colony)—also Djibouti. Most important of all, it has a city which, if fortified, will become to the Suez Canal and Red Sea what Gibraltar has become to the Mediterranean—also Djibouti.

Italian Somaliland, which has a coastline of 1,200 miles, has no harbour, no railway, no port which can be turned into a fortified naval base. Eritrea has a port—Massawa—but between it and the hinterland lies a chain of almost unsurmountable mountains.

France holds, in Djibouti, the key that can close the door to Abyssinia. Italy wants that key.

INHOSPITABLE SEA



A steamer alongside the quay at Djibouti

THERE are few less hospitable places in the world than the Red Sea and its coasts, even in the winter, let alone in midsummer. Through this inhospitable sea Italian and French troops would pour into Djibouti, seaport of French Somaliland, and Massawa, seaport of Eritrea, if it comes to a show-down between the two countries.

The heat is a torment, the very breeze scorches, like the hot air barbers blow on to your hair to dry off a shampoo. You seem to breathe in dust, hopelessness, so that the back of the mouth is everlastingly dry. The sun beats down with a relentless, dazzling monotony, and you have not even the satisfaction of knowing that nightfall will bring relief.

For night, too, is hot, sullenly, heavily hot, and the stars seem beady, like eyes in a fat, perspiring face. Flies settle languidly on features too languid to twitch them away and fans just stir up the sultriness. Trying to think is like trying to drive a car through fog.

I have known such heat in Upper Egypt when the temperature was 115 deg. in the shade, and when, waking up at day-break on the roof of a house where I slept, I looked over the desert, seeing the grey dawn like a threat and the sun come up, fiery, a doom and an abomination.

Then the interminable waste of sand all round seemed a fitting background, it parched too, it also a victim of the relentless sun; and life became cruel and simplified, and there was no luxuriance, no rich, tangled jungle, no fertility even anywhere; only heat and glare and sand.

Even passengers in luxuriously equipped liners, with ice and fans and nothing to do but loll on deck, find the Red Sea intolerable when there is a following wind.

To add to everything else a sort of saltiness in the air makes it sticky, unsavoury to breathe. It is not uncommon, in such circumstances, for a liner to stop, turn round, and let the following wind blow through it for half an hour so as to get an airing.

On shore, no such devices are possible. Italian and French soldiers packed in Massawa and Djibouti just have to endure, languidly watching the arrival of more ships and waiting with tepid water to drink and food mostly shipped from Europe to eat.

Flying over such places, it seems extraordinary that they support life at all. You see nothing but desolation, an occasional shadow where a few trees are, a cluster of houses by the sea coast.

It seems quite strange, landing, to find men, black and thick-skinned and impassive-looking, clustering round the place, and to realise that somehow or other they manage to extract from such barren surroundings the wherewithal to keep alive.

The Red Sea ports—Port Sudan, Massawa, Assab, Djibouti, Berbera, Aden—all look very much alike passing by them—a sea-front, a row of palm trees, white houses, little encampments of what is called civilisation existing precariously on the edge of desolation.

The European officials who come on board have a white, tired look. Their faces bear the marks of much boredom endured. It is not difficult to imagine what their lives are like, for life for a European in the East does not vary much as between one small station and another.

Nor does it vary much as between one European and another. Your Frenchman or Italian may look rather more soiled and creased than your Englishman, be more inclined to sit in pyjamas in the evenings, have a more indolent, frankly perspiring, frankly homesick, forlorn air. But for all there is at the same round of sunset drinks, the same monotonous hospitality, a sense of being transplanted in an uncivilised, unfruitful soil.

Even the recent Abyssinian War would not revive these sleepy, unappetising regions. An Englishman who went to Massawa during the conflict described to me how the place still seemed dead, despite the ships packed in the harbour and the wharf loaded with a jumbled variety of goods, from foodstuffs to road material.

He wandered about, and found a little sultry bar, and five Europeans in the bar. They had not had a proper meal for five days. He took them on board his ship and fed them. They were enormously grateful.

Looking at the Red Sea and its little sleepy ports, which might be uninhabited for all the activity they show during most of the day, thinking of that parched, deserted earth, the traveller marvels that here should be the first stage in a conflict that has already shaken the whole European system.

Kipling has a story about three men who, as an experiment, set out to make an obscure village famous by putting it about that the village had unanimously voted the world to be flat. Their project was a complete success. Charabancs brought parties of visitors to the village, it figured in headlines and in music-hall songs, even in the proceedings of Parliament.

It is in the same way that the Eritrea-Somaliland coast became famous. Newsboys shouted it, and children played at launching attacks from it; it figured in the writings and speeches of statesmen. Yet it is now what it was before—the edge of a narrow sea where heat seems to get canalised, dry and unprofitable, a sea dividing the civilisation of Europe from the civilisation of Asia, and partaking of neither, with the wildness of Africa on one side and an immense desert on the other.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Eat at the Captain's table? I should say not—we ain't used to eating with the help!"

T. Paul Gregory Tell of

Hongkong's Most Famous Pirate

NOTHING is more dreaded by peaceful mariners than the cry of "Pirates ahoy!" The utterance of these words chills the heart, and the mind recalls with dread half-forgotten episodes in the history of the sea; memories of buccaneering raids, of surprises in the dark, the pillaging of ships, the slaughter of captains and crews, and stories of passengers being kidnapped and held for ransom.

Nowadays, of course, this cry is seldom heard; for piracy is practically an occurrence of the past. Yet some seventy or eighty years ago, when the waters around this Colony, were the rendezvous for as blood-thirsty a lot of fierce sea-rovers as could be found anywhere, it must have been heard with despairing frequency. That was an era of piratical coups, carried out by well-organised gangs, under the leadership of able and ruthless men.

ONE of these old-time pirate chiefs was Ma-chow Wong, a man whom Europeans of that day nicknamed "the grass-cutter" in allusion to the fact that he had once naively explained his presence in some forbidden cove by saying that he had gone there "to gather fuel."

Ma-chow Wong, whose real name was Wong A-kei, was said to have been born in the San-on district of Kwangtung about the year 1822. Practically nothing is known of his early life, but it is thought that his residence in Hongkong began about the time this Colony became a British possession.

We do know, however, that by the year 1845 when he was 23 years of age, he had already become acquainted with Mr. D. R. Caldwell, then Chinese Interpreter, who was to serve as his patron and confidential adviser for many years.

YOUNG Wong was in every way a man of parts, and by the time that he was twenty-seven was well established as a Hongkong merchant. It is likewise possible that he had already embarked upon his piratical career, but in those days he was but a small fry corsair, and it was not until the next decade that he managed to blossom forth as the most feared buccaneer along the South China coast. He was fortunate, too, in his dealings with the law, and although he was arrested in 1847 on a suspicion of fraud in connection with some merchandise purchased by his shop, he was speedily released. It is to be suspected, as some have hinted, that his friend, Mr. Caldwell had a great deal to do with his discharge from official custody; for it is certain that by this time, they had become "blood brothers" by adoption, and Wong had further sealed their intimacy

by presenting his sister in marriage to him. Needless to say that by the advent of the 'fifties, Wong was securely ensconced in his position as a local buccaneer. His fleet of swift, piratical lorchas, manned by trusty crews ensured for him a steady stream of loot, so that his warehouse on the Praya was always full. Not even Jean Lafitte, the most successful pirate of the Louisiana coast, was more fortunate than he; for his shop in Queen's Road provided the most effective cloak for the concealment of his real activities. What is more, the infinite variety, and the remarkably low prices of his goods, proved unusually attractive, and under such circumstances the business of Wong and Co. flourished.

IN the meantime, he had become known throughout the Colony not only as a prosperous merchant and ship-owner, but also as a suspected Imperial spy on behalf of the Chinese Government. That he was especially loyal to the Manchu cause is shown by the preferential treatment accorded to him in later years, but that is another episode in his life.

Singularly enough, the phenomenal prosperity of Ma-chow Wong lasted for only seven years, and then the wheel of fortune suddenly ceased to turn any longer in his favour. Ignominy, too, was to be his lot, and it all came about through the accidental arrest of a young American, who was later proven to be none other than Eli Boggs, the pirate. This man was in due course convicted of his crimes, and while awaiting deportation to America, in the course of a conversation with his gaolers, he related a strange tale of how he had seen the ostensibly respectable Chinese merchant Ma-chow Wong on previous piratical forays, and how he (Wong) had directed the operations which led to the capture of a certain vessel and the seizure of her cargo of sugar, and the murder of many of her crew. Such statements as these were at first regarded as highly improbable, but on being further investigated, the truth was elicited; and Ma-chow Wong was brought under arrest. In connection with the case, Mr. Charles May, the Superintendent of Police, and Mr. A. L. Inglis, the Governor of Victoria Gaol issued the following amazing summary of the affair:

"Ma-chow Wong has been apprehended and his house searched, the books and papers being seized, amongst the latter are some papers in Mr. Caldwell's writing, showing that he had taken a direct interest in the business of (Continued on Page 5.)

MURDER TRIAL BAN ON EVIDENCE ABOUT WIDOW Doctor's Test Of 257 Bottles

EVIDENCE relating to the widow was ruled out by Mr. Justice Asquith when the Temple Chambers murder trial was resumed at the Old Bailey recently.

Horace Budd, 29-year-old engineer, of Hornchurch (Essex), is charged with the murder of Francis Cyril Newlands (40), steward of a block of flats and offices at the Chambers.

The prosecution alleges that Newlands was poisoned by spirits of salts diluted with whisky.

On the day Newlands became ill Budd was said to have taken to the flat some spirits of salts in a black whisky bottle for use in soldering two tea urns.

According to the prosecution the bottle disappeared and had not been found.

HAD A "SWIG"

Dr. Owen John Patrick Bollen, who was called to see Newlands early on August 21, said that Budd produced a bottle almost immediately, telling him that Newlands had been taken suddenly ill and had had a "swig" from the bottle.

Mr. G. B. McClure, prosecuting, was about to question the doctor regarding Mrs. Newlands when Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C. (defending), objected, submitting that so far as she was concerned nothing about what she looked like or what she did could be evidence against Budd.

The judge agreed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Bollen agreed that Budd gave him every assistance, adding: "But I cannot understand why he did not send for a doctor, communicate with the police, if the man was in pain in the afternoon."

Mr. Hutchinson: That will come better from counsel for the prosecution than from a witness. What I am asking you is: Did it appear as if Budd had been looking after Mr. Newlands that afternoon?—In view of what I had said, no. But I have no evidence of what happened during the afternoon.

"GET OUT"

George Arthur Ring, fruiterer and florist, of Fetter Lane, E.C., said that on August 20 Mr. Newlands asked him and his sister into the sitting room to have a drink.

Budd was there as they entered and Mr. Newlands twice told him to get out. Budd went out and walked slowly up and down outside.

Newlands asked Ring if he would have some whisky, and Ring then saw Budd stop outside the door.

When the whisky was declined Budd walked on. Budd passed up and down a number of times.

Mrs. May Gladys Simpson, Ring's sister, said she saw Budd in the sitting-room. She went in with Mr. Newlands, who looked at Budd and

said: "Come on, get out," but Budd did not go.

Mr. Newlands touched him on the arm and said: "Come on, get out," but Budd walked out slowly and Mr. Newlands switched on the wireless.

THE UNWANTED STORY

Mr. McClure: Just to fix the time, what was being played when the wireless first started?—It was Jack Payne's band.

Did you hear the music stop?—Yes, with Jack Payne playing his signature tune. A short story was going to follow, and I asked my brother to switch the wireless off as we did not want it.

Evidence given by Mr. George William Whitton, engineer in charge of the control room at Broadcasting House on August 20, was read by the clerk of the court.

Mr. Whitton said that at 3.30 he found out Jack Payne's band on the London Regional programme and at 3.40 he turned on a short story from the Northern Regional programme.

Jean Boothman, kitchenmaid at Temple Chambers, said that on August 20 she saw Budd in the kitchen. He was soldering a tea urn and had a black bottle from which he poured something into a tin.

Miss Boothman agreed that Budd did not attempt to hide the bottle.

Dr. Henry Edward Archer, assistant pathologist at St. Bartholomew's, said that in a whisky bottle sent to him he found one part of "killed" spirits of salts to eight parts of fluid.

Dr. Archer added that 257 bottles were sent to him, but he found no trace of killed spirits of salts in them.

The hearing was adjourned.



Rosemary, Veronica and Margaret Lesley, bonnie daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Langley.—Mayfair Studios.

Schoolboy's Bunyan "Will" Only a Copy

Nottingham.

THE document which was believed to be John Bunyan's will, found in an old book by Paul Collier, a 14-year-old scholar of Nottingham Bluecoat School, was proved recently to be a very clever copy of the original document.

Dr. F. Mott Harrison, the greatest living authority on John Bunyan, travelled specially to the school to identify the document which had been handed to Captain Alfred Mearles, the headmaster, for safe keeping.

The document found by Paul Collier was closely examined at Captain Mearles's house.

CLEVER REPRODUCTION

"It is a very clever reproduction but outstanding facts show it to be a copy of the original will," said Dr. Mott Harrison.

"In the first place it is printed.

"The theory that Bunyan may have made two wills, the document found by Collier being one of them, is discounted by the fact that the same error occurs in both the original at Bedford and the document found by Collier.

"Bunyan began to sign his will which was really a deed of gift, and had got as far as John and a bit when the lawyer obviously told him to sign higher up on the paper.

"Bunyan crossed out the part of his name he had already written and wrote it in full again higher up.

"This is the mistake which occurs in the original and the Collier copy.

"Now, apart from the fact that Collier's copy is printed, had Bunyan made two copies of his will he would not have made the mistake of signing too low down twice."

Captain Mearles is extremely grateful to Dr. Mott Harrison for his investigation and clearing up the matter, for even an expert lithographer who examined the document was deceived by it.

Had Collier's discovery been a genuine original it would have been worth a great deal of money.

REASONABLE VIEW

It will be told Dr. Mott Harrison's verdict, and, as some consolation for his disappointment, will receive an exact reproduction of Bunyan's will as a present from this great Bunyan authority.

"Captain Mearles's conclusion supported by the opinion of an expert lithographer was very reasonable in the circumstances," said Dr. Mott Harrison.

It is practically impossible for anyone but an expert, especially an expert on John Bunyan, to distinguish between genuine documents and copies.

Deflation Plus Inflation

Willows, Cal. The evil effects of inflation and deflation are not always purely of a financial or economic order. When a club caretaker here chased three boys off the club's hunting preserves, the boys returned and deflated the tires of his car. Besides a \$10 fine the boys were sent back to inflate them again.

Mr. D. G. Conolly, employed as bookkeeper by the defendants from June, 1925, to February, 1928, said he was handed most of the takings, and either banked the money or gave it to Mr. Balls on his wife's account. From 1925 to 1928 the sum of £7,853 was taken at the Brixton

EMPIRE NEWS

Judge's Suicide In Tanganyika

Dar-Es-Salaam.

A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned at the inquest on Mr. Justice Knight-Bruce, Acting Chief Justice of Tanganyika Territory, who was found shot through the head in his bed room on November 7.

Sir Joseph Sheridan, Chief Justice of Kenya and President of the East African Court of Appeal, who was one of the chief witnesses, requested that part of his evidence should be heard in camera. Sir Joseph was staying with Mr. Justice Knight-Bruce at the time of the latter's death.

The Coroner, in his finding, stated that the closing of the court was not necessary in view of the nature of the evidence disclosed.

It appeared that Mr. Knight-Bruce had been a very sick man for a considerable time, both in body and mind. Domestic differences had arisen in which another unnamed person was concerned.

Sir Joseph Sheridan, in his evidence, said that Mr. Knight-Bruce was devoted to his wife, and was filled with remorse when she left for England for a holiday shortly before the tragedy.

Sir Joseph referred to an incident at a public dance, when Mr. Knight-Bruce struck an individual in the presence of his wife. Sir Joseph Sheridan, and others. Later the men were brought together on friendly terms.

Sir Joseph Sheridan admitted that two nights before the tragedy he looked himself in his room, owing to the demeanour of Mr. Knight-Bruce.

AUSTRALIA

RURAL TRAINING FOR BOYS.

Sydney. Employment on farms in New South Wales has been found for 522 youths during the last year by officers of the rural employment scheme for boys. This brings the total number of boys for whom this organisation has found employment up to 4,000, of whom 3,000 have already opened savings bank accounts.

These activities for Australian youths are in addition to the work for immigrant youths which is being done by the Fairbridge Farm Schools, the Salvation Army and the Big Brother movement.

UNEMPLOYMENT TAX.—A bill has been introduced in Queensland to abolish the present unemployment relief tax and substitute a special income-tax to be known as the income State Development Tax. From January 1 there will be an all-round reduction in the rate of tax now being paid. Under the new tax workers up to the level of the basic wage will be exempt and the rates on other incomes will be £211 to £227, 1d. in the pound; £227 to £400, 6d. in the pound; over £400, 9d. in the pound. This is in addition to the normal State and the Federal income-taxes.

MR. HUGHES'S WARNING.—Mr. W. M. Hughes, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech at the opening of the campaign for 70,000 militia recruits, said: "We live in a mad world, in which it is necessary to prepare to deal with madmen. Australia's position is most dangerous. Britain is ready but may be unable to help."

NEW ZEALAND

USE OF LONDON CREDITS

Auckland. Mr. Polson, M.P., president of the Primary Producers' Federation, declares that the use of Reserve Bank credit in London by the Government and the depletion of London funds as led to serious financial embarrassment.

Prof. Hytten, adviser to the Bank of New South Wales, is of the opinion that the expansion of the public works programme in New Zealand is causing an unbalanced economy.

JAMAICA

SUGAR LABOURERS' GRIEVANCES

Kingston. A deputation from the Jamaica sugar industry informed the Royal Commission which is inquiring into labour troubles that if the economic condition of labourers on sugar estates was to be improved to a decent standard Jamaica would not only want a larger export quota than was granted under the international sugar agreement, but would require also an improvement in present prices.

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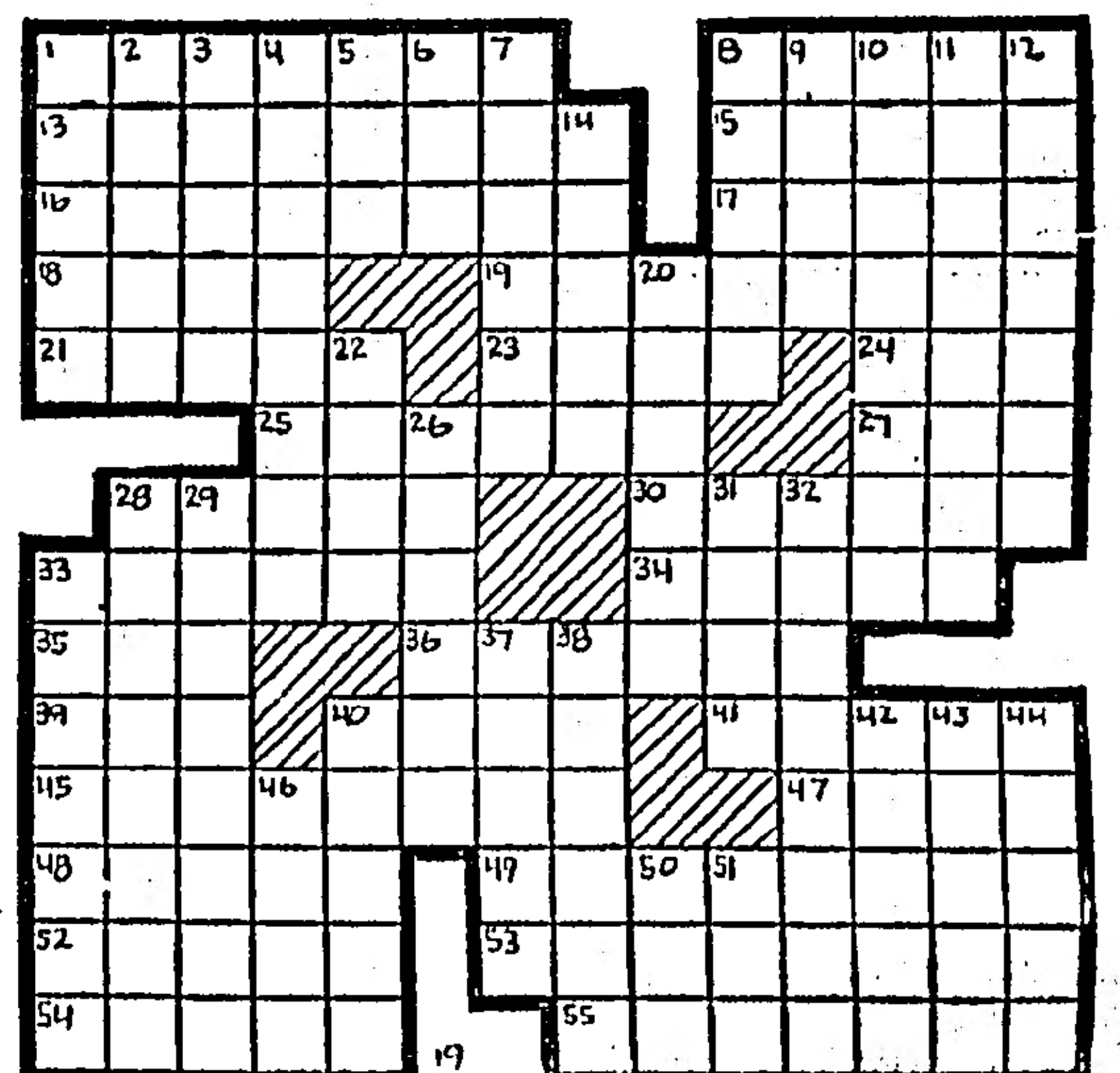
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Conductor's car on French rail
- 2—Panther (Latin root)
- 3—Admiring
- 4—Movement of quadrille
- 5—Capable of being led
- 6—Like an arm
- 7—Humid (Scottish)
- 8—Case offered as example
- 9—10th century Arabian physician
- 10—Bird in chair
- 11—Fence
- 12—Female ruler
- 13—Italian animal
- 14—Plain of Siberia
- 15—Dining room
- 16—Part of harness
- 17—Outcast class of Japan
- 18—Impetuous dash
- 19—Children's word
- 20—Dress
- 21—Kind of chess
- 22—Measure of cold
- 23—And so forth
- 24—To lord
- 25—Starfish (plural)

DOWN

- 1—Anglo-Saxon word
- 2—Related by blood
- 3—Carrot
- 4—Pledge for home in boiler
- 5—Knots (see (1) above)
- 6—Horse that came in second
- 7—Fascist
- 8—Thing to be destroyed (Latin)
- 9—Part of mind
- 10—Lacking necessary power
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- 25—Lacking necessary power



NO COMPETITION FOR HIM



As will be seen in the picture, Jack Odell, formerly of the Central British School, won the 400 metres at the International Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill on Sunday with the greatest of ease. He romped home fully 20 yards ahead of the second man, his time being 57 secs., which undoubtedly would have been better had he been pressed.—Photo by Staff Photographer.

Army Batsmen Take Good Lead In Cricket Tie Against Navy Sailors Lose A Wicket Before Close of Play

(By "R. Abbi")

It is a most unpleasant reminder of the strenuous times we live in, to find how difficult it is for the Services to raise their best teams. The Army yesterday lost the services of Woodson, Man and Painter who were toying round with a machine-gun or something equally unpleasant. Twenty years ago that machine gun would have been uncommonly lonely so far as they were concerned. The Navy too had Glenister, Brownie and Kyrie away. Of course it has to be done but we older people do sigh for the spacious leisurely days of the past.

Lees won the toss and sent in Whitmarsh and L. S. Smith to face Godby at the Yard end and Paterson. The former appeared to be very stiff and bowled slow medium in his first over which Smith allowed to be a maiden. Paterson too was all over the shop and eleven runs came from his first over. But disaster waited on the Navy. Godby speeded up and Whitmarsh in playing him to square leg lifted the ball a little and Lawrence took a low catch. (11-1-6.) Then Smith cut at the first ball of Paterson's second over and was taken by Land at second slip. 11-2-5.

MORE TROUBLE

This brought Manners and Kennedy together, both of whom have played for the Navy at Lord's. The latter shaped nicely and made an excellent shot past extra cover to the corner of the ground, but the

last ball of Godby was a fast yorker which just hit the off stumps. 17-3-2.

Land relieved Paterson and very nearly had Manners with a head-high full toss at which the batsman slashed and somehow or other put it between the wicket keeper and first slip. The latter nearly got at it. Godby again produced his fast yorker next over and bowled Firth who had been shaping excellently. Four for thirty-three and the Navy were definitely on a lee shore.

It looked as if Clayton and Manners were starting a stand when the latter after hitting Land to long on and then to square leg (both beautiful fours) apparently lost his head and had a blind mow at an off ball and sliced it to second slip. 47-5-20. Two runs later Clayton sliced Godby to Land at second slip. Whitmarsh did not stop long, the seventh wicket falling at 54 but then Lees played a real captain's innings and Talbot stood by and later both hit out. Gradually the score mounted. Hatfield, who had been unable to turn up at the start, went in for Godby but he seemed stiff and did not bowl nearly as well as he had done against the Club. Talbot hit very hard and it was unfortunate that he hit a full toss to Paterson at deep mid on when the stand had realised fifty-three of which his share was twenty-eight.

Moore's hunt on and Lees got two very pretty fours off Godby's first over when the latter went on for

Hatfield. Next over, however, Godby dropped in his pet yorker—only it was a bit slower one this time—and sent Lees back for an invaluable innings of 29, played at a most critical time. 115-9-29. Paterson made three singles and then Moore's was Law to Godby who had bowled excellently, taking his six wickets for twenty runs.

THE ARMY BAT

After 110 in the Army started their innings and after Corp. Webb had got his leg in front of one in Paterson's first over, a long and sedate stand followed. Logan shaped very well and Paterson (not the bowler) was very steady. He should, however, have been caught off Manners, who was probably doing more with the ball than could be seen from the pavilion. The score was sixty-six after an hour's play which was slow for the ground. At this point Paterson relieved Whitmarsh, and Moore's went on for Manners. Moore's sent down some very good balls but his length was very variable and Logan punished some short ones heavily. However, at 91 he mistimed a slower one and scooped up an easy chance to Lees. (94-2-16.)

Land came in and on-drove Paterson who, for some reason, had no deep field behind him and was accordingly far more expensive than he need have been. Just after the hundred was reached, Paterson was badly dropped at mid on. However, he did not increase his score before he tried to glance Paterson to fine leg and was caught at second slip off the back of his bat. (112-3-43.) Land began to bat confidently and made two delightful late cuts off Moore's which sped to a match in a flash. This brought Manners back again and Land cut his second ball, beautifully behind point but mistimed the next and Paterson fell forward at first slip and made the catch. A quick and good innings of 27 scored in a very attractive manner.

SLOW CRICKET

Things now became very dull, as both batsmen found it difficult to get the ball away. Godby, especially, seemed unhappy and did not give one the impression he was seeing them. After tea, Coombes was caught at the wicket almost at once. 146-5-13. Hatfield, promoted in the order after his good knock against the Club now came in. However after he had scored two he was bowled by a quick one from Moore's which kept low.

Paxton still bowled without a deep field straight and Godby off-drove him for four. But in Moore's next over a good break-back came back quickly and bowled him. 157-7-12. Swyers had come in after Hatfield and concentrated mainly on defence though he on-drove Paxton very nicely to the fence. Then Moore's bowled Sgt. Baker with a good one. 161-8-0. Lawrence, though in a good deal of pain from a pulled muscle, went in nobly to try to hold an end up and put Moore's away to square leg for a couple. Two overs later he put Paxton out of the ground by the car park and the ball is reported to have reached the Bank! A perfectly timed shot. He was coming down hard on the ball and obviously has very powerful wristwork. Manners went on but Lawrence banged him to the mid-wicket boundary tho' it obviously was most painful. Swyers was playing a nice game and evidently the practice he had against the Club, when he did little, helped him as he seemed to bat infinitely better. Lawrence square cut Manners for four and put a single to leg but Moore's next over got a beauty past him. A most gallant innings—and the stand put on 34 runs. 195-9-19.

P. S. M. Paterson came in and pushed a four through the slips but off the first ball of Manners next over Swyers went out to drive, missed the ball and was stumped. The innings closed for 199—a lead of 85 runs.

NAVY HAVE TO BAT

The Navy were unfortunate in having to bat for ten minutes and off the second ball of Hatfield's over, Clayton sliced the ball to first slip. Lees wisely sent in his left-hander next. Smith hit Godby to long-leg

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

INTER-CHANGE OF POSITIONS OF TEAMS TO DATE

The following are the standings of the various teams in the Hongkong H.A. Tournament to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Radio & P.S.C.	0	5	0	1	21	4 11
C.B.A.	0	4	2	0	13	8 6
Recrelo	0	4	2	0	8	3 6
R.A.F.	0	3	3	0	20	0 6
Police "A"	3	3	0	0	0	6 6
Nomads	4	2	1	1	12	5 5
K.I.T.C.	5	1	2	2	11	13 4
Police "B"	4	0	4	0	0	10 0
Varsity	3	0	3	0	0	8 0
R.A.O.C.	5	0	5	0	1	26 0

Boxing HARVEY MAY GO TO AMERICA

But Only For World Title Fight

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 3.

Len Harvey, having recaptured the British heavy-weight title on Thursday night, when he easily beat Eddie Phillips, spent a good part of yesterday discussing future matches. He aims high, and will not be easily matched.

Mr. Hulls, the Harringway promoter, is anxious to put Harvey into the ring in London against Max Baer and intends to go for New York in a fortnight's time to secure Baer's signature.

Falling Baer, he hopes to induce John Henry Lewis, former world's light heavyweight champion, to come over for a return fight with Harvey, whom he beat at Wembley two years ago. Walter Neusel is also considered as an opponent.

For the past two months, Harvey told me yesterday, he has been in touch with Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the New York promoter, regarding possible fights in America, and when the result of the Phillips fight was known in New York, Johnstone and Mike Jacobs both talked of inviting Harvey to go.

Harvey's reply was: "I am not particularly interested in Max Baer as a fight with him takes me nowhere. Neusel I regard in exactly the same way. I want no more eliminating fights, and I will not in any circumstances go to America to take part in one."

"I would go there to fight Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title, and I would go for a match with John Henry Lewis for the light heavyweight championship. I am just as qualified to fight Louis as

for four and that was that.

SCORES:

ROYAL NAVY.—1ST. INNS.

Capt. Whitmarsh, c Lawrence, b Godby 6

L/S Smith, c Land b Paterson 5

Lt. Manners, c Kennedy, b Godby 5

Commandr. Firth, b Godby 20

E. A. Clayton, c Land, b Godby 4

Commandr. Lees, b Godby 29

S. P. O. Wanstall, c Paterson, b Land 4

Lt. Talbot, c Paterson, b Baker 28

Mr. Moore's, lb.w., b Godby 3

C. P. O. Paxton, not out 5

Extras 6

Total 110

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	11.5	2	20	6
Paterson	3	-	10	1
Land	9	-	40	2
Hatfield	6	1	21	0
Swyers	2	-	12	-
Baker	3	2	1	1

***Bowled one no-ball.**

ARMY.—1ST. INNS.

S/Sgt. Patterson, c Whitmarsh 43

Cpl. Webb, lb.w., b Paxton 6

Driver Logan, c Lees b Moore's 27

Sgt. Land, c Paxton b Manners 12

Capt. Godby, b Moore's 13

Pte. Coombes, c Clayton b Moore's 2

Pte. Hatfield, b Moore's 13

Major Swyers, st. Clayton b Manners 13

Sgt. Baker, b Moore's 10

Capt. Lawrence, b Moore's 10

P. S. M. Paterson, not out 4

Extras 20

Total 199

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paxton	24	3	61	2
Moore's	22	5	58	6
Manners	13.1	3	36	2
Whitmarsh	9	-	24	-

NAVY.—2ND. INNS.

L/S Smith, not out 4

E. A. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield 0

S. P. O. Wanstall, not out 0

Total (1 wkt.) 4

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	1	1	4	1
Hatfield	1	1	-	1

"Pilgrim" Says—

ADVICE GIVEN TO FORWARDS

OFTEN VERY EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION MAY BE THROWN INTO DISORDER

An outside left should always keep well out on the touch line except when play is round the opposing circle. He should then come in a little on the chance of the ball coming across and being missed by the inside-left.

The outside left may then have a chance to nip in and get in a shot or pass to a better-placed colleague. He must always be on the look-out for a clearance to the wing by one of the defenders, and if he sees any prospect of it, he should place himself in the position to which the clearance is likely to be made; for backs and goalies under pressure have little time to pick and choose as to where to hit, but are generally content to clear the ball anywhere out to the wing.

In taking paces on the left, the blade of the stick should be facing the direction in which the ball is coming, so that on impact with the

side his winger, giving him a sign, if necessary, as he does so. The winger at once passes the ball out to him and, unmarked as he probably will then be, the inside man can get well away on the wing.

This movement, to be effective, must be done quickly, before the defenders can get back into position once again.

A centre-forward, for various reasons, dribbles occasionally towards the inside-left or inside-right. As he does so, the inside should at once see whether he is likely to be crowded out by this move, and if so, should cut inwards, thus taking the centre-forward's place.

Half-backs and full-backs can change when the winger has got well away, and the half is not fast enough to catch up before the winger centres. The back then goes out to tackle, and the half cuts diagonally inwards to fill the gap.



Lt. Hook (R.A.), brilliant Army pilot, who will be seen in action against the Navy at Sookanpoo tomorrow.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

THE Nomads last Saturday drew 1-1 with the K.I.T.C. in a close and interesting game. H. Gubbay, S. A. Reed and Silva in the attack opened with a rush and for a short while looked like scoring a quick goal; but gradually their opponents settled down and play became very even, with the Nomads, if anything, having the better of the exchanges.

R. J. REED equalised for the Nomads in the second half, off a short corner. He was also outstanding at centre-half with his clever stick-work. Xavier, at left back, was brilliant, his speed and first-time clearances being a feature of the game. In my opinion, the Nomads were rather unlucky not to have won as the goal scored against them was shot from an off-side position.

K.I.T.C. made a bad start and it was only in the second half, when Pyram Singh and Malik reverted to their usual positions that Pinto and Partab began to combine effectively. There was too much shouting by those in the defence to allow the team to play the sort of game which they revealed earlier in the season. If this continues, the Kowloon Indians, as a team, will not go far.

IRBAL Singh, deputising for Man Singh in goal, gave a very sound display during the closing stages of

the game. The K.I.T.C. secured a lucky point as the result of C. Pinto's goal; he was in an off-side position when he scored. There was too much aimless hitting in the course of the game.

THE C.B.A. last Monday defeated the Police "B" by 2-0 at Mong-kok. A slippery sandy surface made neat play difficult, but despite the conditions, perfect combination was maintained by G. H. and S. A. Fowler and D. Smith in the attack. The Whitley brothers, Tom and Norman, were prominent among the halves, and Austin, playing the one back game, had little to do. A late start was made and both teams played with only ten men. C.B.A. were quickly on the offensive and maintained pressure throughout the match. G. H. Fowler scored a goal in each half.

POLICE "B" fought enthusiastically and only bad finishing by the forwards prevented them from equalising before the interval. Jessop, in goal, played a brilliant game throughout and saved the side from a heavier defeat. Leslie was also outstanding at centre-half. Chenan Singh, at right back, also played remarkably well. The attack, with Pennell as leader, made several raids, but good work was spoilt by wild shooting. The Police "B" will have to field a much stronger team—and I believe they have the men—if they hope to obtain their first Tournament points.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Eddie Paynter Scores Century In Each Innings In First Test Match

Third Englishman to do This Against The South Africans: Game Drawn

As generally expected, after the third day's play, the First Test match at Johannesburg ended in a draw yesterday. The M.C.C., with a lead of 32 runs after the first innings, declared their second knock at 291 for four wickets and the South Africans, facing a score of 323, had made 108 for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn.

Eddie Paynter, the Lancashire left-hander, who made 117 in the M.C.C. first innings, scored 100 in the second, thus becoming the third Englishman to score a century in each innings in Test matches against South Africa.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28. The weather was sunny when the game was resumed to-day on a wicket which was worn and had patches at both ends. There was only a sprinkling of spectators. Paynter took two fours in succession from Langton and reached 51 in 77 minutes, his tally including seven fours. Both batsmen were aggressive and their innings were marked by powerful driving. The 150 appeared in 149 minutes.

Gibb brought up his century in 184 minutes, including seven fours, but six runs later he was beaten completely by Dalton. His batting had been a judicious blend of aggression and defence.

Hammond joined Paynter and the pair continued until lunch when the score was two for 223, Paynter being 82 and Hammond 13.

After lunch the crowd grew to over 1,000 and watched Hammond in aggressive mood. He scored 30 in 3 minutes and brought up the 250 in 224 minutes. Paynter reached his century in 189 minutes, including 10 fours, and became the third Englishman to score a century in each innings of a test against South Africa.

A. C. Russell and Sutcliffe were the others.

Hammond brought up his 50 in 19 minutes but Paynter did not pass his 100, sending a skier to Langton at mid-on off Gordon.

Ames joined Hammond at three for 281 but only 10 runs had been added when Hammond put his leg in front of a straight one from Dalton and was out for 58. Hammond then declared with four down for 231, leaving South Africa with 324 to score to win.

Hammond scored his runs in 63 minutes and made some beautiful drives. He hit five fours.

The South Africans opened with Mitchell and Van Der Byl again and were taking no chances.

Stonewalling tactics were adopted, and with this policy continuing throughout the afternoon, a draw became inevitable.

At 67, Van Der Byl's off-stump was disturbed by Hammond in the English captain's first over. He had scored 38, made in 130 minutes, his chief scoring strokes being three fours and a six.

Mitchell and Nourse continued sedately and took the score to 108 without further loss, when stumps were drawn. Mitchell's contribution was 48 and Nourse's 17.

Mitchell batted for 168 minutes and hit five boundaries.

Scores: M.C.C. 422. 1st Innings SOUTH AFRICA—1ST INNS. 73. B. Mitchell, b Farnes 4. P. Van Der Byl, b Verity 4. A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard 73. N. Gordon, st Ames, b Goddard 0. W. Wade, b Goddard 0. K. Viljoen, b Wilkinson 80. E. L. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity 102. G. Bond, l.b.w., b Wilkinson 0. A. B. Langton, not out 64. E. Q. Davies, b Verity 0. Extras 24. Total 390.

Bowling Analysis O. M. R. W. Farnes 23 1 57 1. Edrich 10 3 64 0. Mitchell 11 1 58 0. Gordon 14 0 59 2. Dalton 6.5 0 20 2.

SOUTH AFRICA—2ND INNS. 108. Mitchell, not out 48. Van Der Byl, b Hammond 37. Nourse, not out 18. Extras 5. Total (for 1 wkt.) 108.

BOWLING ANALYSIS O. M. R. W. Farnes 7 3 17 0. Edrich 3 0 7 0. Verity 16 8 17 0. Goddard 11 3 31 0. Wilkinson 8 3 18 0. Hammond 6 3 13 1.

DALTON DROPPED Johannesburg, Dec. 28. E. L. Dalton, whose century in the first test was largely responsible for pulling South Africa out of its plight, has been dropped from the second test team to meet the M.C.C. at Cape Town on Saturday. Bond has also been omitted, the vacancies being filled by Balaskas and Rowan.

The team is—A. Melville, B. Mitchell, A. B. C. Langton, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, A. D. Nourse, P. Van der Byl, E. W. Davies, K. Balaskas, No. 7, L. Youngs, Score, 8, C. He.

ANOTHER CHANGE Johannesburg, Dec. 28. Another change has been made in the South African team to meet the M.C.C. in the Second Test. K. Viljoen has injured his hand and drops out of the team. His place will be taken by A. W. Briscoe, of Transvaal.—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS The following will represent the University past students in the annual match against the present students at Potchefstroom on Sunday—Zimmern (capt.) D. J. N. Anderson, J. Barrow, S. V. Gilfilla, E. L. Gosano, P. Hing, C. W. Lam, A. T. Lee, W. H. Sling, F. R. Zimmern, J. L. Youngs, Score, 8, C. He.

The following will represent Combined Schools against University at Potchefstroom on Friday—D. Cray, J. Fisher, F. J. Lay, D. Hutchinson (D.B.S.), J. and G. Gosano (Le Salle), T. Lockhart, N. Smith, W. G. Pryde, T. M. Butler (C.B.S.), W. Mulcahy, Reserve, G. Kew (D.B.S.).



Paynter he scored a century in each innings.

Home Football Motherwell Win Away Encounter

London, Dec. 28. Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish Football League were decided to-day, results being as follows: Alton 3 Ayr U. 3 Kilmarnock 1 Motherwell 3.—Reuter.

LYNCH TO TRAIN IN MONASTERY

London, Dec. 4. Benny Lynch, former fly-weight champion, in another desperate bid to come back, sails to Ireland to-day to train in the company of silent Cistercian monks in the Famous Mount Mellerey Monastery, in Co. Waterford.

His wife told the "Sunday Dispatch" last night: "This opportunity of going to Ireland to get away from his old ties is a Heaven-sent chance for Benny."

"I think he has realised that unless he gets right down to the task of getting fit the future will be pretty dark for us all."

Mr. George Dingley, the Scottish boxing promoter, said: "It's up to Benny and no one else. He can get himself properly fit again, and if he does so I can make £20,000 for him in the next two or three years."

Lynch has received a letter from Mr. A. L. Elvin, the Wembley Stadium promoter, wishing him luck and promising him matches when he is fit for a come-back.

VOVS The monks of Mount Mellerey Abbey live a rigorous life under strict discipline and stern self-control. They are bound by a vow of perpetual silence from which only the guest master and lay brothers are absolved.

Another Glasgow boxer, Johnny McGroarty, British feather-weight champion, suggested the idea to Lynch.

Lawn Tennis Miss Stammers Unable To Go To S. Africa

London, Nov. 23. Miss Kay Stammers has had to decline the invitation to join the British team to tour South Africa this winter. She informed the L.T.A. of her decision yesterday.

The reason is that Miss Stammers cannot spare the time from business. "My life is very disappointed," said her mother, "but the tour is such a long one that she could not possibly spare the time. She is in business with a London firm, and as it happens, her busiest time comes just after Christmas, so she has had no alternative but to decline."

"It must be remembered that she has only just returned from a long stay in America."

The team for South Africa is due to leave at the end of next month.

FRIENDLY RUGBY

The Club "A" Rugby XV defeated the Army "A" team by 20 to 3 at the Club ground yesterday. After a solitary Army try, the following scored for the Club: Chudwick 3 tries, Wilson 2 tries, Nelson 1 try (Starke converting one). The score at half-time was 8-3.

FRENCH CONSULAR POSTS

French consular changes notified to take place shortly, include an exchange of posts between M. Leurguin, Consul General at Harbin, and M. Blondau, Consul at Hankow.

M. Leurguin will be remembered as Consul General in Hongkong two years ago.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Mademoiselle Docteur" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Characteristic Edmund Greville touches of direction in a German spy story which follows the usual run. Dita Parlo, John Loder and Erich von Stroheim head the cast. The ending is unusual. A British production.

"That Certain Woman" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Betty Davis in a powerful drama as a woman who loves not wisely but too well. Supported by Henry Fonda and Ian Hunter. Good entertainment.

"Women Are Like That" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Pat Davis in a powerful drama as a woman who loves not wisely but too well. Supported by Henry Fonda and Ian Hunter. Good entertainment.

"Prison Farm" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—A shocker about the girl who loves a man who, although she does not know it, is a criminal. They are caught together and sent to a prison farm, where scenes of brutality are enacted. Shirley Ross, Lloyd Nolan, John Howard, J. Carroll Nash and Porter Hall.

"Reformatory" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—As the title indicates, the story is of life in an American reformatory, with Jack Hall, as the warden, introducing a new system to the boys of the farm. Interesting film.

DANGEROUS ACTION

Quantity of Fireworks Stored in Cockloft

A total fine of \$150 was imposed on Lau Yue-lock, of Messrs. Chung Shun Loong, 91 Bonham Strand East, ground floor, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on three counts connected with the storage of fireworks. Lau was alleged to have stored 1,115 lbs. of fireworks in the wooden cockloft of his shop on December 20, to have failed to provide strong glass shades for two electric lamps on the counter; and to have had possession of fireworks containing improper explosive ingredients, namely, potassium chlorate. He pleaded guilty to all charges.

Mr. G. C. Moss, Acting Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, said that defendant had a permit to store only 400 lbs. of fireworks in a case in the shop itself, and was not allowed to store fireworks in the cockloft. Defendant carried on a small business selling firecrackers and joss paper. The fireworks were ordered to be confiscated.

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TO-MORROW ALHAMBRA

WIN FOR REDSHANK In Sweepstake Race Held By Yacht Club

Redshank was first in the sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 8.4 miles, the yachts starting at 14.45.

Results:	Finished	Corrd. Pos.
Redshank (E. T. Stanley)	17.01.03	16.51.41
Eve (E. T. Stanley)	17.02.09	16.52.36
La Linda (Mrs. M. L. Johnson)	17.02.07	16.52.43
Painted Lady (M. T. L. Wilkinson)	17.02.30	16.52.46
Nereid II (C. B. Barry)	17.02.04	16.54.28
Maureen (H. Lawler)	17.04.03	16.54.41
Jean (G. C. Gowlan)	17.04.20	16.54.56
Gull (A. O. G. Mills)	17.04.21	16.54.57
Colleen (G. J. Tait)	16.59.00	—
Artemis (B. Berg)	17.05.43	16.56.18
Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King)	17.05.53	16.56.31
Arie (Drew Wilkinson)	17.00.00	16.56.37

EXHIBITION TENNIS Filipinos To Play At Kowloon To-day

Leonardo Gavis and Armado Sanchez, winner and runner-up of the Philippines tennis championship, will appear in exhibition matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day at 2.30 p.m. They arrived yesterday on the Potsdam.

Players selected to play against the visitors are the Thai brothers George Choe, Sazo Bick and A. E. P. Guest.

PRETTY FASHIONS FOR BIG SISTER

She can make these frocks herself

WHEN I was fourteen I wanted to look like my mother. I could not understand why this, that and the other style were too old for me.

Most mothers find that daughters of this age either do not care what they look like or want to imitate too closely an elder sister.

If you want her to look nice, encourage your daughter to take an interest in her clothes, and she will learn to choose wisely, and if she likes sewing it is going to save her money later on if she can make her own frocks.

Sketched here are three pocket edition fashions for girls from fourteen to sixteen.

Practical and Pretty

Young girls' clothes should be simple and sensible, but at the same time attractive. These designs are planned on practical lines, and are so easy to make that Miss Fourteen can make them herself with a little help.

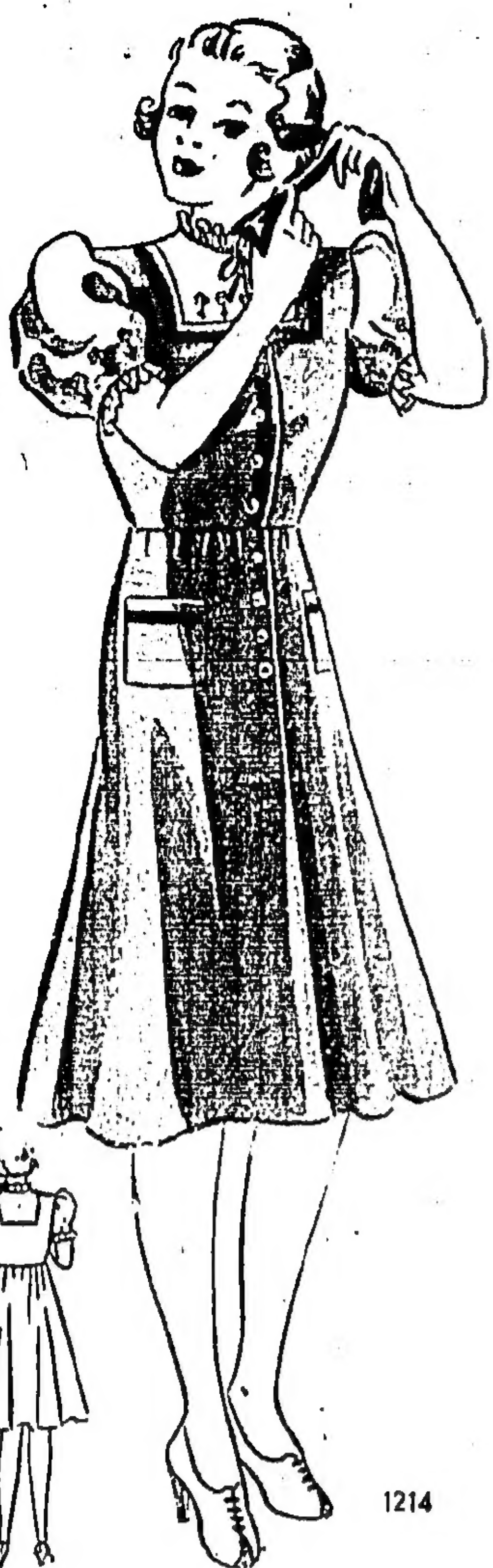
At the top left, No. 1214, is a little peasant dress that can be made in velvet or brightly coloured wool fabric with an attractive braid finish to bodice and pockets. You could trim the silk blouse with a few gay posies of flowers in lazy daisy stitch.

My second choice for daughter is a little woollen dress, No. 1215, cut with a yoked top, long sleeves and a plain, well-cut skirt. I advise a cheerful colour for this dress, say, a light navy, copper beech, or cherry red.

Velvet for Parties

A pretty frock for small parties is shown in the third sketch, No. 1216. A little gathered bodice to give ease to the figure and the same gathering repeated on the sleeve. Carried out in velvet this will give her a nice warm frock for the entire winter.

Finish dress with a narrow belt or three different tones of narrow ribbon which should be left long at side.



Pretty blouse with frills at neck and sleeves is worn under a becoming peasant dress.



1215

1216

Gathering on bodice and sleeves and a sash add charm to a velvet dress. The belted frock, with yoke and neat collar, looks well in check wool or tweed.

Braid Enlivens Black Crepe



Gold braid embroidery studded with the topaz-coloured stones forms the pattern of an elaborate necklace on this high-necked gown of black rayon crepe. Rows of shirring hold the fullness of the wide skirt and sleeves. The puff sleeves are set in high on the shoulders.

Try A Hot Salad

SOME cold day try a hot salad, either alone with bread and butter, or as an accompaniment to hot or cold meat. It is excellent with meat pies and recooked meat dishes, such as shepherd's pie.

To make it, steam six medium-sized potatoes in their jackets. Let them cool, then skin them, cut them into thin slices and arrange them in the bottom of a fire-proof dish. Season with pepper to taste, sprinkle over half a cupful of minced cooked celery and two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley.

Heat together two tablespoonfuls of tarragon vinegar, two tablespoonfuls of wine vinegar and a slice of lemon. Remove the lemon and strain the liquid over the salad. If preferred it can be omitted and the salad served neat or with any sauce desired. Heat through in a slow oven and serve at once, piping hot.

Slices of tomatoes or cooked Brussels sprouts make a pleasant addition. Croutons of toast, soaked in a little gravy, soup, or stock can take the place of potatoes for a change. W. B.

Room Plants In Winter

PLANTS that are kept in a room need more care in winter than in summer, as the atmosphere indoors is often hot and dry. Artificial heat of any description tends to create a dry atmosphere, which is detrimental to growing plants. The dryness can be overcome by spraying occasionally overhead, and an ordinary clean-scented spray filled with tepid water will answer the purpose.

The question often arises about the watering of room plants. Cold water from the tap should never be given, as this checks their growth. Wait until the soil in the pot is dry, then give it a good soaking in tepid water.

A plant's particular position in a room has a direct bearing on its health. If its foliage is jammed against the window-pane, it will be subject to draughts. Its growth in that direction will be impeded and its foliage spilt.

The leaves of palms and any plants with large foliage should be sponged once a week. Those with softer foliage, such as ferns, need an occasional complete immersion in tepid water. A plant breathes through its leaves, and this bath dislodges the dust that collects.

Give your plants plenty of room to breathe, and air the room thoroughly.

On sunny days, put them on a table by the open window for an hour or so, as they need all the sun available at this time of the year. M. L. M.

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WHAT IS BEAUTY?

IF you asked a dozen, or even more, people exactly what feminine beauty is, I have no doubt that you would hear a dozen or more different definitions. The reason for this is that there are so many things which go to the making of a beautiful woman. It is impossible to say that beauty is any one thing. Anyway, here are some of the things which obviously go to produce beauty.

I don't want to say much about the importance of grooming and dress because that is universally understood. The loveliest of features and the most potential allure would be completely disguised by a grimy complexion, unkempt hair, and dilapidated clothes. But even if she has physically qualified with success for the beauty degree, a woman's work is by no means done.

Of the many things which go to make beauty, expression is one of the most important. Many a time one can see two faces which, physically, may be called equally lovely, yet there is a world of difference in their actual attraction, the reason being that one looks ordinary while the other looks full of character.

Character Revealed in Expression

When speaking of expression, I do not merely mean that one must bear a smiling, or a serious, or a thoughtful, or any other superficial look. What I refer to is something much more subtle than that. I mean the general character which is stamped on the face and which no amount of casual and fleeting expressions can destroy. And faces do get stamped with character. No matter how careful one is to disguise one's feelings, inner emotions definitely transfer their mark to the face. The only way, therefore, to acquire a lovely facial mein is to regulate one's thoughts accordingly.

Things like spite, unjust thoughts, cunning and so on, should, as far as possible, be kept out of one's mental operation. A warm but firm temperament is what one should aim at; deep thoughts and interests, instead of shallow ones; quiet confidence instead of either abjectness or bravado. All this would inevitably stamp itself on the face, resulting in an arresting, and likeable expression.

Another essential attribute of beauty is poise. No woman, how-

ever charming physically, can lay genuine claim to beauty if she behaves badly. I have no doubt that you have without dignity, if she utters inane, if she is always being "caught out" and being made a fool of or if she sits or walks in an ugly manner. Unexaggerated poise is an integral part of beauty.

And here is a special tip which a particularly attractive woman gave me. Carry a little nonchalance with you. Think to yourself that, although you love the world and its inhabitants, you are nevertheless not prepared to kow-tow to anybody or anything. You are an individual yourself, and you intend to remain one, with your own ideas and principles and likes and dislikes. Though you respect others' opinions, your own actions are not affected unduly by the edicts of others.

Carriage and Voice

I mentioned walking earlier, but it deserves more than a mention. Graceful walking, and sitting too, are an indispensable part of beauty. You need not do it as if you are either a robot, or a drill sergeant, or a mannequin. Exaggeration looks ridiculous, not beautiful. But have a quiet, inconspicuous grace.

Further, no woman can possibly be beautiful if her voice is ugly. This, as a matter of fact, should come near the head of beauty attributes. Many an illusion may be dispelled and, on the other hand, many a favourable impression may be created by the opening of a mouth!

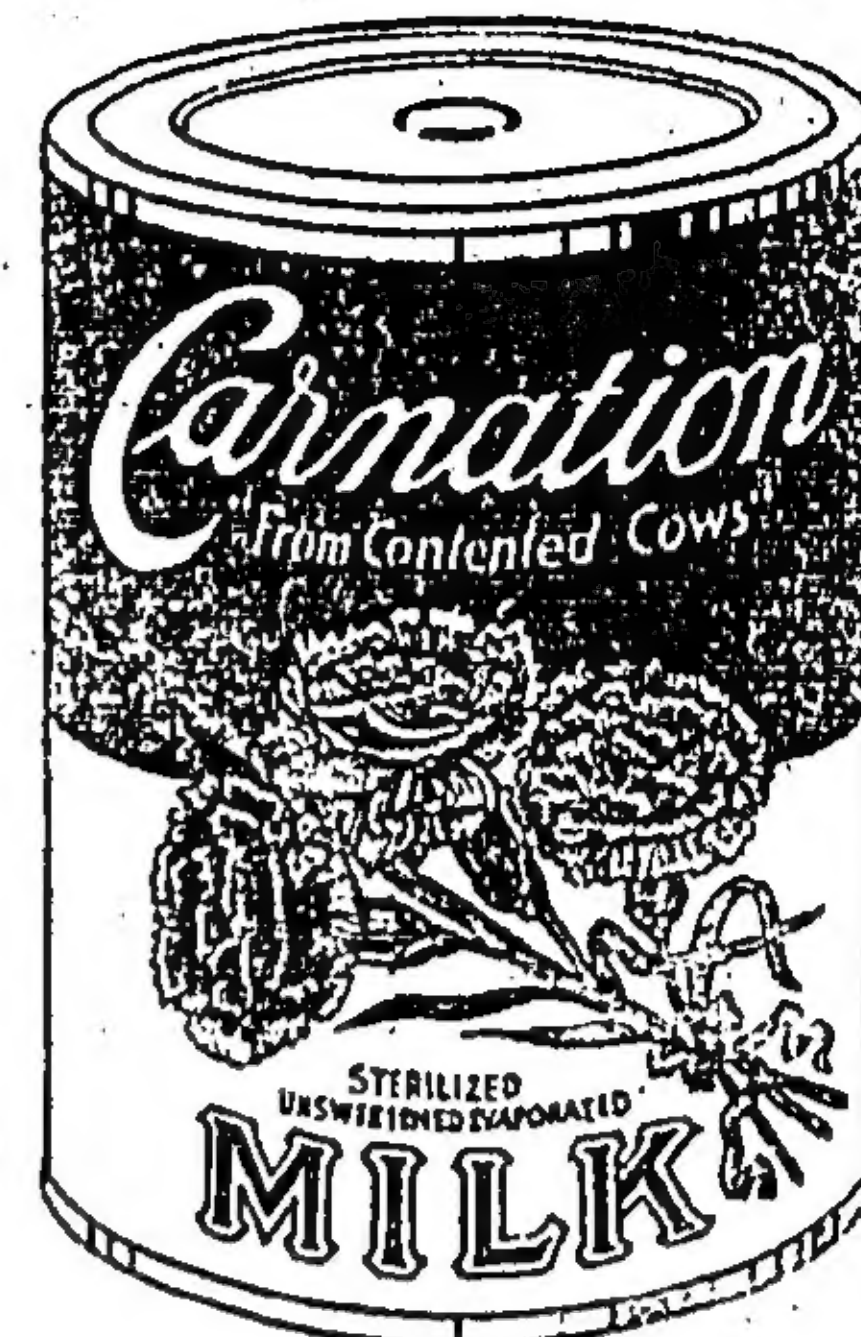
Pronounce your words correctly, do so with your lips when speaking instead of only using your jaws and opening your mouth too wide, and, above all, speak in moderate tones and don't screech.

Other things which will help you to create the impression of beauty are the ability to make interesting conversation and the capacity to be witty.

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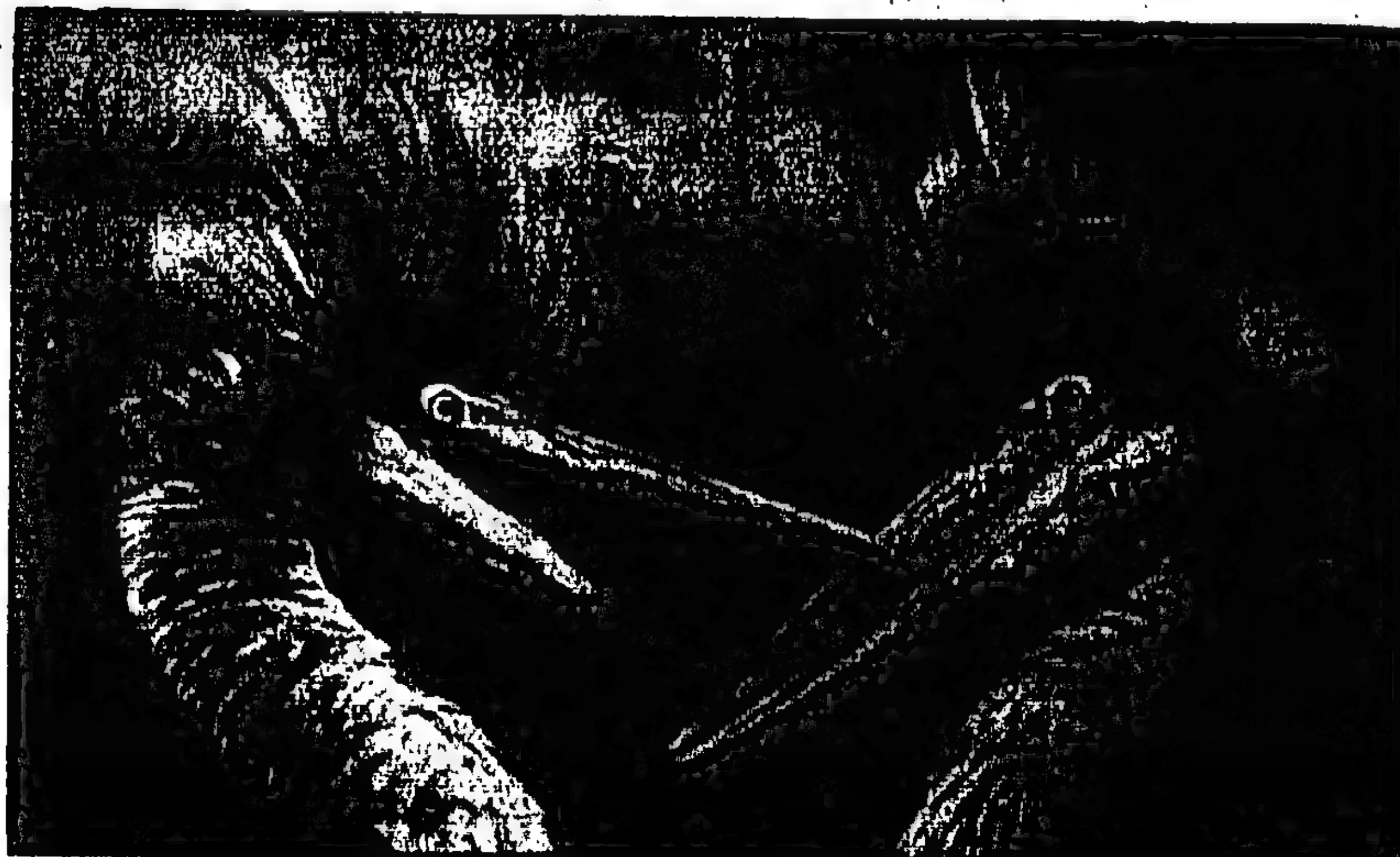
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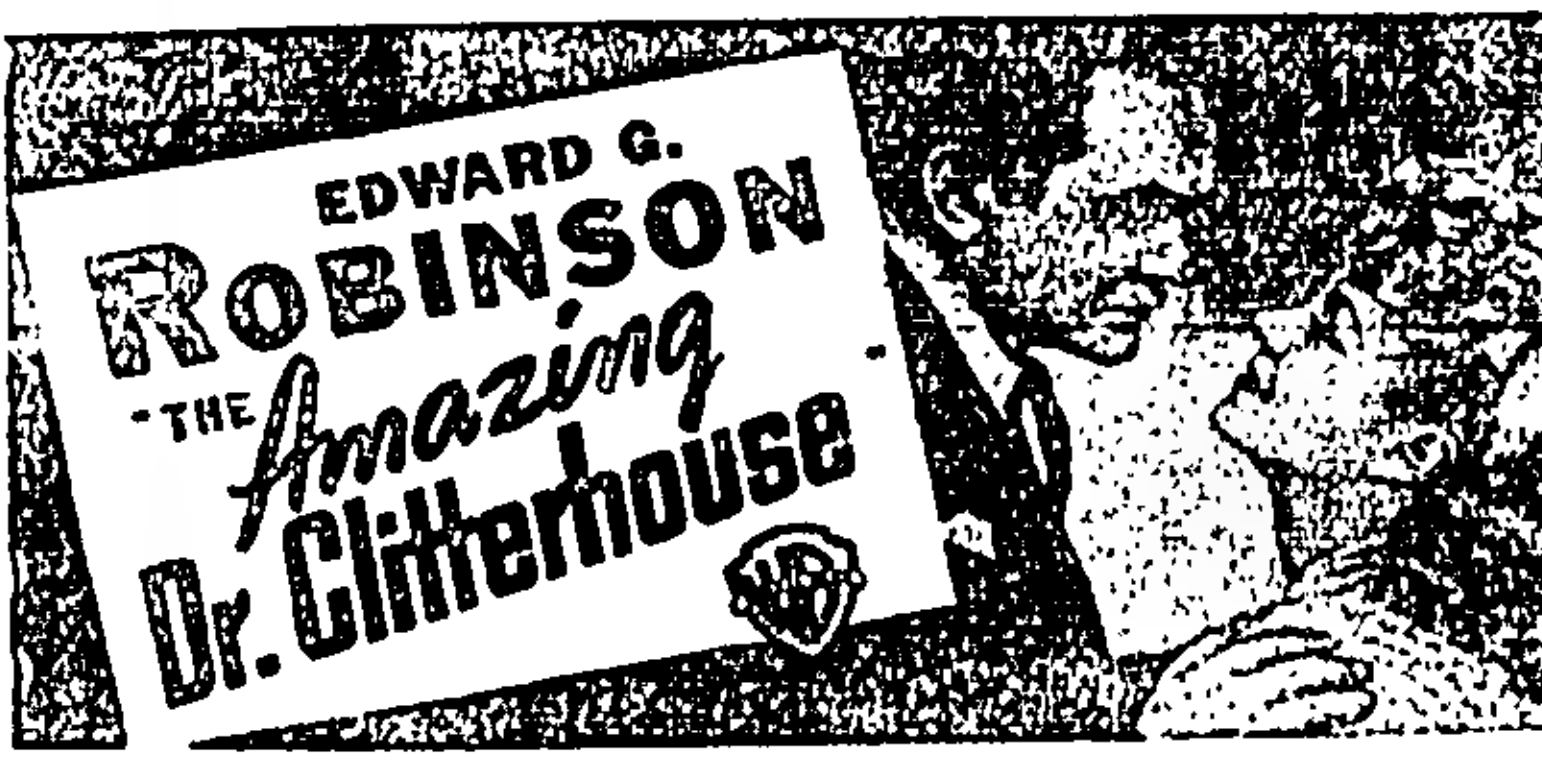


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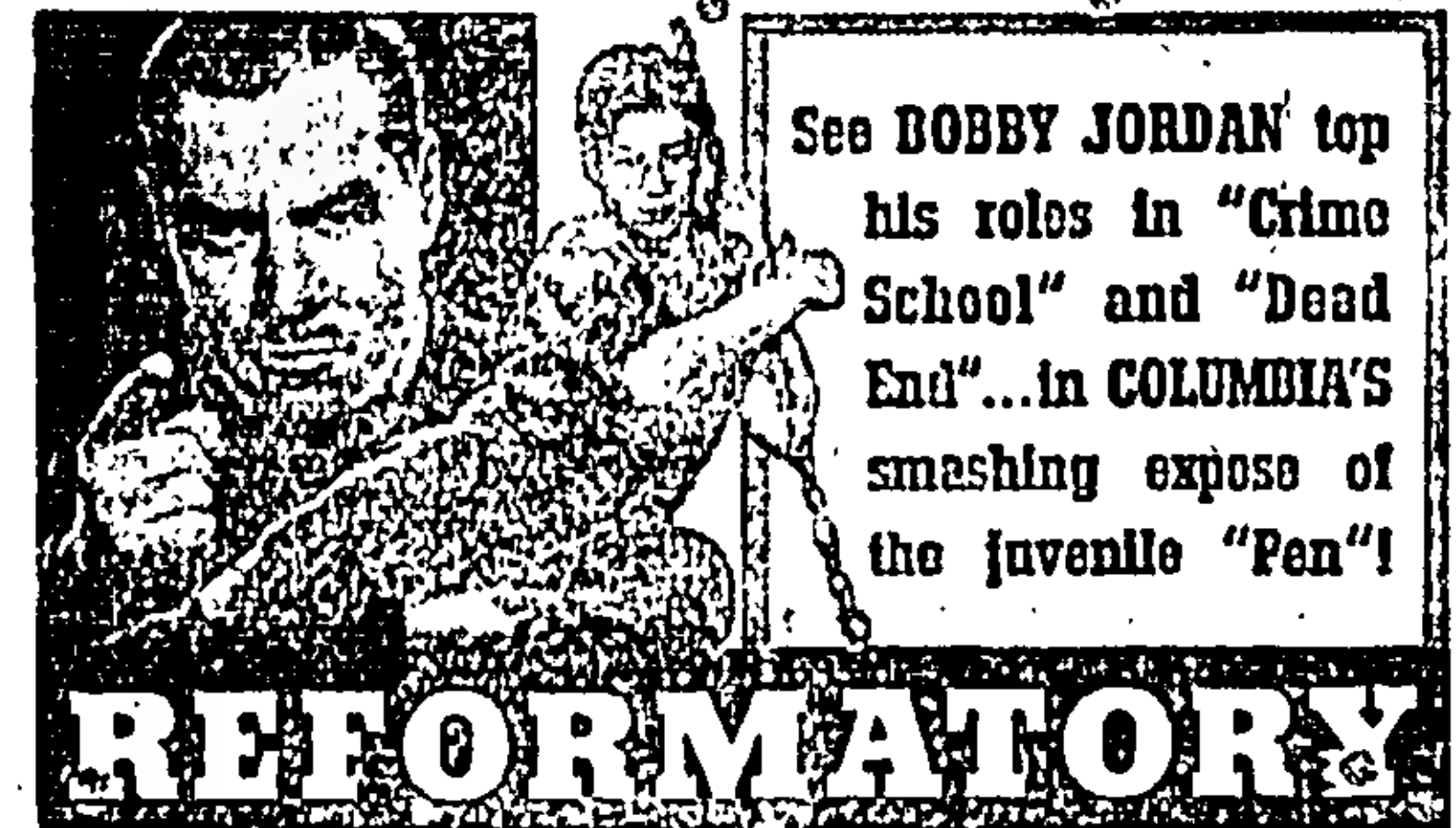


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TOKYO CABINET

Changes Foreshadowed
By The Press

Tokyo, Dec. 28.
The possibility of changes in the Cabinet before the meeting of the Imperial Diet on January 20 is foreshadowed in the press here. The papers stress that the Premier, Prince Konoye, in his recent declaration emphasized the necessity of tightening the reins of Government and that following his declaration the Premier had several conversations with the elder statesmen, including Baron Hiranuma and President of the Council of State, Yamaoka, as well as with various members of the Cabinet.

It is also pointed out that Prince Konoye and members of the Council of State were received in audience by the Emperor to-day.

In connection with possible changes in the Cabinet, political circles observe that the great task assumed by Japan in reorganization of the Far East renders indispensable an absolute agreement between the leading Japanese statesmen, implying firm co-operation of military and economic authorities with those responsible for the conduct of Japan's foreign policy.

Further deliberations of the Japanese Cabinet have been postponed till January 6 on account of the New Year celebrations. According to the papers, however, all members of the Cabinet are in readiness to meet any at any time should circumstances demand it.

It is stated in political circles that the programme of Prince Konoye relating to reorganization of the Far East after termination of the war with China has received the full approval of the existing provisional Governments in Northern and Central China as well as of the Governments of Inner Mongolia and Manchukuo. But at the same time it is believed that Prince Konoye's extensive programme has not met with unreserved approval within the Cabinet itself and that critics of the programme will be eliminated on the occasion of re-shuffling of the Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

Bitter Attack On Vatican

BERLIN, Dec. 28.
A BITTER ATTACK on the Vatican is made by Dr. Josef Goebbels' organ the "Angriff," presumably as a tardy answer to the Pope's recent criticism of the totalitarian doctrine.

It accuses the Vatican of occupying itself solely with the Jewish question to the extent of giving the impression that there is complete popularity between Jewry and the Christian church.

It reverts to the situation in Palestine, and blames the Pope for failure to protest against the "wild and cruel war which severely harms the moral credit of Christianity in the Arab world."—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

EXTRALITY THREAT Abolition Forecast By Puppet Chairman

Shanghai, Dec. 28.
The first open threat to liquidate foreign settlements and abolish extrality rights in Japanese occupied parts of China was made by Liang Hung-hih, Chairman of the Executive Yuan of the Reformed Government to-day in commenting on Prince Konoye's statement of December 22.

Liang declared that what Konoye expected of China was anti-Communism and economic co-operation and promotion of friendly relations, including abolition of extrality and return of foreign settlements to China. The Reformed Government would do its part to help carry out the programme outlined in Konoye's statement, he said.—Reuter.

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Of Planes

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For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 30; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 3.

For Chungking, Siam, etc: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.

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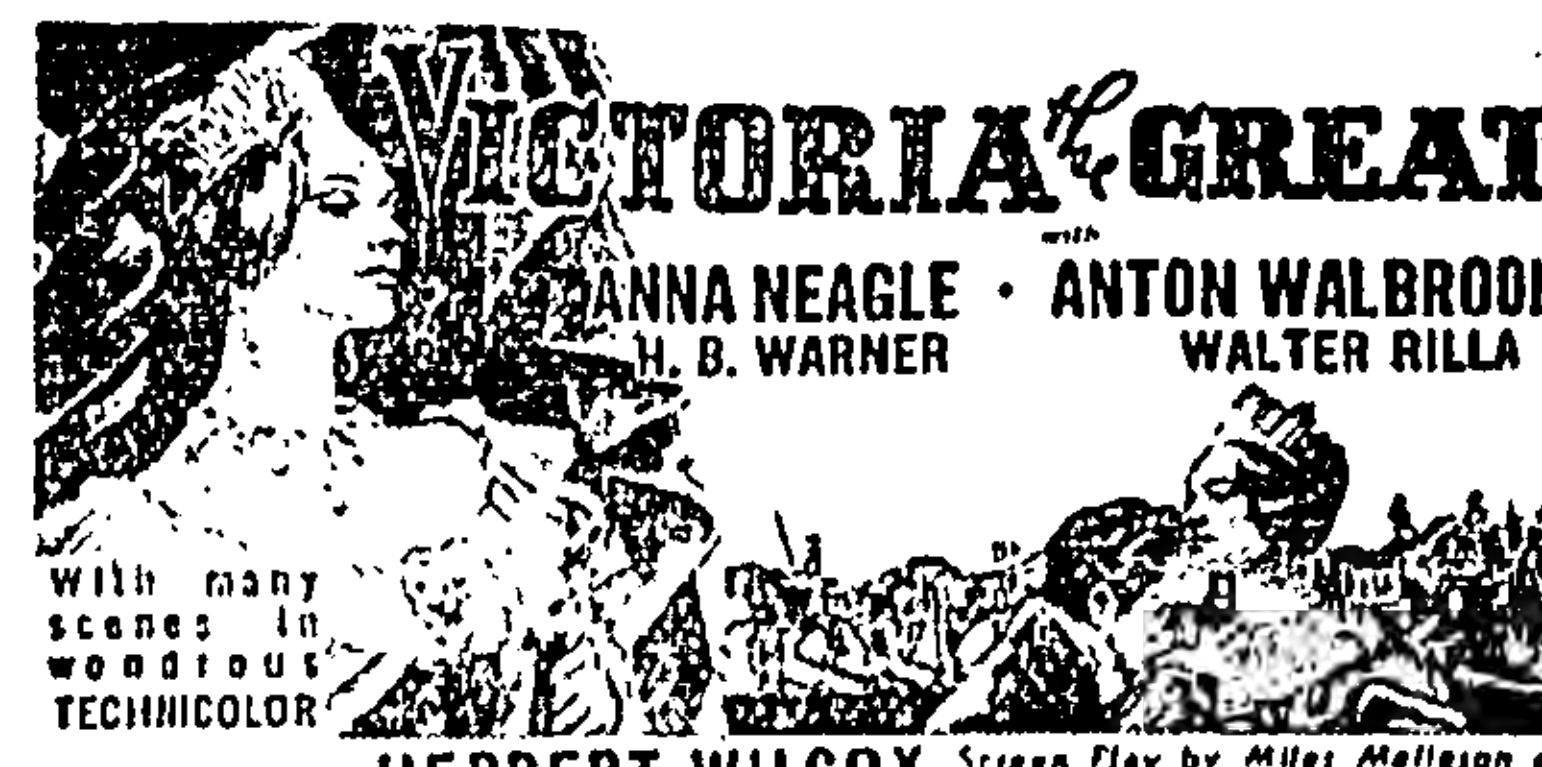
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CALENDARS RECEIVED

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The Hongkong Brewery has issued a calendar-diary with weekly tear-off pages, each of which has a small humorous sketch.
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Sixth Day of Franco's Drive

CERVERA, DEC. 28.
FIRST REPORTS FROM THE FRONT ON THE SIXTH DAY OF THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE INDICATED THAT THE INSURGENTS HAD BEEN THROWN BACK WITH CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES.

Below-zero temperatures continued to hamper the attackers' movements, and the frozen plains impeded armoured car attacks, the cars rolling like hummocks over No-Man's Land.

There is little outwardly noticeable change in the situation behind the lines. With constant air alarms and bombardments the villages are now virtually empty.

According to a Hendaye report 300 insurgent warplanes bombed and machine-gunned the fortified Loyalist base of Artesa de Segre, while Navarrese and Galician columns advanced towards the town in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

Franco's forces are reported to be advancing on the vital town of Alsos de Balaguer from the snow-packed Montseny mountains.

The Loyalist Government at Barcelona admitted that a grim struggle is under way on the southern bank of the Segre for possession of Artesa de Segre. The Government stated that 300 German and Italian planes are constantly bombing and machine-gunning the Catalan town.

The Loyalists are heavily outnumbered in the Artesa zone, and are reported to be mobilising additional troops at Barcelona, Falset, Tarragona and Reus, and rushing them to the front in special trains.—United Press.

CATALAN DRIVE

Barcelona, Dec. 28.
An official Loyalist communiqué admits that the insurgents have advanced slightly in the sector at Solera, north-east of Tortosa, and Aspa, but claims that they paid heavily for the advances.

All other reports state that the lines are holding firm under heavy pressure from artillery and tank attacks.

A Saragossa message says that it is officially stated that in the Tremp sector, the insurgents captured the remainder of the Montseny Sierra, including Santa Maria de Meys, and afterwards advanced south and gained the entire Sierra Hanmamel.

North of Balaguer, the insurgents captured the villages of Alus de Balaguer and Mosana.

Reports from Lower Segre indicate that the insurgents have captured the village of Solera, south of Tortosa.—(Continued on Page 4.)



TWO WOMEN missionaries photographed after the long walk down Lushan Mountain from Kuling, where they had been stranded for many months with food supplies gradually dwindling and the constant threat of Sino-Japanese hostilities being waged in their district. Notice that the woman on the left wears Chinese cloth shoes. For many months foreigners in Kuling have been unable to replace their worn-out clothing.

AUSTRALIA SWEETERS

PERTH, Dec. 28.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA and New South Wales are sweetening in an unprecedented heat-wave.

The temperature at Perth to-day was 116 degrees Fahrenheit, while in country places in both states the thermometer soared to 119.—United Press.

Big Drop In China's Customs Revenue

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.
FOLLOWING THE FALL of Canton and Hankow, the Chinese Government has lost 34 per cent. of maritime customs earnings throughout China, according to statistics released by the Maritime Customs authorities in connection with China's trade returns for November, this year.

During November, the total proceeds from maritime customs throughout China amounted to 23,300,000 Yuan showing a decrease of 3,000,000 Yuan from October. The customs earnings registered by the Shanghai Maritime Customs during November totalled 9,000,000 Yuan, which represents 44 per cent. of the whole income in China and which contrasts to 9,700,000 Yuan for October.

The income gained by the stations still under the National Government during November was 16 per cent. of China's total revenue, showing a decrease of 16 per cent. from the previous month. During October the customs income through the Japanese-occupied areas occupied 68 per cent. of the total earnings in China, but in November they accounted for 34 per cent. of the total revenues in the country.

Two major stations in the areas still held by the Chinese Government are Poochow and Swatow.—Domei.

COLONY-WAICHOW HIGHWAY TO REOPEN

THE EXTENT of the collapse of the Japanese offensive in the East River area in Kwangtung is indicated by reports this morning that motor communication will re-open between Hongkong and Waichow.

Workless Ask For More Dole

LONDON, Dec. 28.
The petition addressed to the King on December 23 by unemployed, requesting an increase in the dole by 4s. 6d. a week for adult persons, and 1s. a week for each child, has elicited a purely formal reply that the King has transmitted the petition to the Cabinet for decision.

A letter sent by the representatives of the unemployed to the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, asking him to convene conferences at which the question of increase in unemployment relief could be discussed, has not yet been answered.

In their petition to the King, the workless requested that the dole should be increased before Christmas so as to enable every unemployed Briton to enjoy at least a Christmas meal and to have a warm room, since the temperature outside was considerably below freezing point.—Trans-Ocean.

TURKISH MINISTERS RESIGN

Ankara, Dec. 28.
It is officially announced that the Turkish Minister for Education, and the Minister for Economics have resigned because of ill health.—Trans-Ocean.

WARSHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

BEIRUT, Dec. 28.
A TORPEDO-BOAT of the Levant naval division has been ordered to proceed to Djibouti, ahead of the gunboat Diderville, which was also ordered to Djibouti yesterday.—Reuter.

Waichow, one of the largest of the East River cities, was recaptured from the Japanese on December 9.

Since then, the Japanese have been entirely cleared from the area between Hongkong and Canton south of the former Kwangtung capital, with the exception of the Pearl River strip protected by their gunboats.

Road traffic between Hongkong and Waichow will be resumed as soon as the highway bridges, which were blown up by the Chinese shortly after the Japanese landing in Blas Bay, are repaired.

Bus services have already resumed between Shum Chun, the border city, and Lungkung, seventeen miles northwards.

Large number of war refugees from Hongkong utilised the buses yesterday to return to their homes in Kwangtung.

It is expected that the highways between Hongkong, Tamshui and Waichow will be open for traffic within three weeks.

France Sells Out Munitions Shares

Prague, Dec. 28.
As an indication of the changed situation in Central Europe, the French group closely connected with the Schneider-Creusot Works, which held the majority of the Skoda Works shares, have sold their holdings to a Czechoslovak group representing the Czech-Slovak Government.

The management of the Skoda Works had been formally in Czech hands, but until October the French had their representatives in the administration and the management. Director Rochette was recalled four weeks ago.

Close co-operation had existed between the Schneider-Creusot and Skoda works with regard to commercial as well as technical organisation.—Trans-Ocean.

Ukrainian Peasants Get Stiff Sentences

Warsaw, Dec. 28.
Six Ukrainian peasants of the Polish village of Werbow were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six to 15 years by the district court of Brzezany to-day for being members of an illegal "Nationalist Ukrainian organisation" and for manslaughter.

Respite was given to some of the convicted. They were accused of killing a Polish peasant, who quipped the arrest of some Ukrainians, but witnesses proved an alibi for the defendants.

The Polish authorities also prohibited the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Ukrainian cultural organisation "Prosvita" which was scheduled for December 26 and 27. The organisation supports many libraries and reading rooms in Eastern Galicia.—Trans-Ocean.

Belgian Royalty's Vacation in France

Paris, Dec. 28.
King Leopold of the Belgians and the Queen Mother arrived this morning by express at Cote d'Azur.

They will stay for a fortnight at Beaulieu-sur-Mer.—Trans-Ocean.

THE "MOTHER
OF CHINA'S
GUERRILLAS"
IN HONGKONG



THIS IS THE "MOTHER" OF THE Chinese guerrillas, Madame Chao Yu-tang, photographed just before she left Hongkong for the South Seas. She is the moving spirit behind thousands of vigilant guerrillas operating throughout China.

MOBILISATION ON FULL WAR FOOTING

TOKYO, Dec. 28.
PRACTICALLY FULL INVOCATION of the National General Mobilisation Act will be made early next year following approval by the National Mobilisation Council of six new draft Imperial Ordinances relating to the enforcement of Articles 6, 10, 11 and 13 of the Act.

The six Imperial Ordinances relate, respectively, to the control of wages, restriction of working hours in factories, restriction of dividends by business corporations, appropriation of factories and workshops, appropriation of land, buildings and various establishments and requisitioning of commodities.

It is pointed out that invocation of the mobilisation articles is inspired to concentrate Japan's entire economic resources for the building up of a new order in East Asia.

The measures will be executed in conjunction with the 3-year plan for the expansion of the productive capacity of industries which was approved and referred to the Government on Tuesday by the Planning Board.

To-day's session of the National Mobilisation Council to approve the Imperial Ordinance plans was held at 9.45 a.m. at the official residence of Premier Konoye.

Upon invocation of the new provisions, all business corporations with capitals exceeding 200,000 Yen will be prohibited from declaring dividends over 10 per cent. per annum, while further increase in the rate of dividend will be denied those corporations which are at present paying more than 10 per cent. dividends per annum.—Domei.

DARING S'HAU COUP BY BANDIT GANG

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.
VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATING the extent to which armed crime has increased in the western boundaries of the International Settlement, fringing the Japanese-controlled areas in recent weeks, there occurred yesterday a daring hold-up, almost unprecedented in the history of Shanghai.

A line of seven cars, containing a party of 15 American and British men and women was stopped near the Columbia Country Club within the Settlement perimeter by a band of about eight armed bandits, and despite the early arrival of the flourishing pistols, who had

parked their own car across the road.

The party was forced to dismount and were relieved of their watches, rings and wallets to the value of approximately 1,000 Chinese dollars.

The gang, who were reported to be well-dressed, made a clean escape, and despite the early arrival of the flourishing pistols, who had

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LATEST

Tientsin Assassin Kills Taipan

Tientsin, Dec. 28.
A Chinese gunman in French Concession to-day fired three shots point-blank at Wang Chu-lin, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, as he stood outside of a cafe, and killed him.

The assassin escaped. The dead man was a prominent Tientsin industrialist.—United Press.

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Further Late News.

SCHOOL-GIRL LAUNCHES H.K. SHIP

Penelope Dodwell, 10-year-old daughter of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell, launching a new waterboat for the Union Waterboat Company at Kowloon Docks yesterday.



10 CHINCHILLAS WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD

CONTENTEDLY nibbling peanuts and grain within a stone's throw of historic Caister Castle, near Great Yarmouth, are ten grey-furred little creatures, each worth its weight in gold.

Ran Down Line to Save Express

WITH an express train due in a few seconds, Signalman Foulkes, of Stramshall (Staffs), recently saw a heavy motor-lorry crash through the closed gates of a crossing near Uttoxeter and swing round on to the lines.

The signals were set clear for the express. Foulkes pulled them off and, dashing down the steps of his cabin, raced along the line. He had had no time to snatch up a red flag. Instead, he waved his arms as he ran.

ALMOST TOUCHING

He was seen by the driver of the express.

The train slackened speed and came to a halt, its buffers almost touching the lorry.

The driver of the lorry, H. Hall, of Hayles End, Worcester, said the prompt action of the signalman prevented a disaster as there was not a second to be lost.

Mr. Fred Foulkes, a married man of 44, with two children, has worked at the Hockley Crossing box for 10 years.

"IN THE DAY'S WORK"

Mr. Foulkes said: "I pulled the signals to danger and grabbed the first thing I saw, a warning detonator, and dashed out of the box along the line. I had no time to use the detonator, but I waved my arms and shouted as I ran."

"The express was now only 100 yards away but the driver saw me and did everything to stop. He pulled up within a few yards of the lorry just as the driver was getting out of the cab."

"The lorry-driver would certainly have been killed if I hadn't been able to stop the train. However, I look on this as part of the day's work—it is what we are paid for by the company."

"I've seen several similar accidents at this point but never such a narrow escape before."

Girl's Breach Warning

Belfast.

"Every girl longs for romance, but to choose a husband through a matrimonial advertisement is a leap in the dark. I am glad I have won and been vindicated. But my unhappy experience will be a warning to other girls."

Twenty-two-year-old Miss Annie Smith, of Gale Lodge, Prehen-road, Londonderry, gave this warning recently to love-struck girls.

She was awarded £400 damages in the Ulster High Court here for breach of promise of marriage against Mr. Robert Boyd, of Dundonald, Belfast.

Miss Smith told the under-sheriff and jury that she answered an advertisement for a wife two years ago in a Belfast newspaper.

She received a reply from Mr. Boyd, who was found to be a married man with two children.

She went away with him for weekends, she said, and relied on his assertions that his intentions were honourable. Later a child was born.

They are chinchillas, brought from the South American Andes by plane, steamer and train to start the only chinchilla farm in Great Britain.

The export of chinchillas from their native soil had at one time reached 400,000 skins.

Now, through the demands of fashion and other causes, there are fewer than 2,000 of them in the whole world.

Owner of the ten "pioneers" of the English industry—which represents an attempt to break what is almost a U.S.A. monopoly—is Mr. Fletcher Robert, a New Zealander, of Caister Road, Great Yarmouth.

His belief that the chinchilla will thrive in the Norfolk air has already been justified by the arrival of four healthy offspring. More are expected.

FIRST IN BRITAIN

"With less than average luck," Mr. Robert said, "each pair should in five years multiply to 60."

The "babies" are the first born in Britain, where it was formerly believed impossible for them to breed. "I believe we shall have a better chinchilla even than in America," declared Mr. Robert.

The chinchilla's fur is the most expensive in the world. A coat made from about 120 pelts would cost £20,000; most of the few coats in England to-day are heirlooms.

So serious became the problem of the disappearance of the little animal that the Governments of Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Bolivia once passed laws prohibiting export and trapping on pain of the loss of a hand for the first offence and death for the second.

DOCTOR'S MENTAL BOARDERS £45 FINE

For keeping persons of unsound mind in an unlicensed house, a former assistant medical officer of health had to pay fines and costs totalling £69 at Bournemouth recently.

There were summonses relating to three people against Dr. William Vere Taylor Styles, of Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth. He was fined £15 on each and ordered to pay £15 costs.

Mr. H. J. Parham, prosecuting, said Dr. Styles had various persons living with him, including the three mentioned in the summonses. It was alleged that payments were made to Dr. Styles by relatives. The house was not licensed.

Two doctors said in evidence that under an order of the Lord Chancellor they visited Dr. Styles's premises and examined the three patients, who, in their opinion, were certifiable as of unsound mind.

Dr. Styles pleaded not guilty, and Mr. J. Amphlett (defending), submitted that the nursing home did not belong to Dr. Styles but to his wife, and that the patients were not inmates.

He said Dr. Styles was made bankrupt in 1936 and was still undischarged.

The only connection the doctor had with the nursing home was that he occasionally gave advice to his wife, Mrs. Styles, who said the doctors who sent patients to her and she could not very well turn round and say that a patient was a lunatic.

Doctors who sent the three patients to the nursing home said in evidence that in their opinion, they were not of unsound mind.

Pedigree Fails Cat

Saint John, N.B.

Emery Colwell, poultry fancier, was justified in killing a prize-winning cat, owned by neighbour Edward Craig, when he found it stealing a chicken. That was Magistrate G. Earle Logan's decision.

O.B.E. Medal For Dead Brothers

Two brothers, Edward and James Letch, Dunholme Road, Edmonton, burnt to death in the Edmonton air disaster last September, have been posthumously awarded the medal of the Order of the British Empire for their gallantry in trying to save the pilot of the burning R.A.F. plane.

The announcement was made recently.

It was on a Sunday when most of the families in Dunholme Road were at their midday meal that the disaster occurred.

The Letch brothers, who were returning home, rushed to rescue the pilot, Sgt. S. R. Morris. While they were tearing at the straps which held him to the wreckage of his cockpit the petrol tank exploded and fierce flames shot out.

Both brothers were soaked in petrol and in a few seconds were in flames. Edward, who was 20, died almost as soon as he reached hospital and James (24) died early the next day. The charred body of the pilot was later recovered.

Bishop Offers To Mediate To Save Divorces

THE Bishop of Armidale (the Right Rev. J. S. Moyes) has offered himself as mediator in any home in his diocese in which divorce proceedings are contemplated.

His reconciliation offer is contained in a letter to his parishioners, published in the Armidale Diocesan News.

His desire, he says, is to keep people away from the Divorce Court. Bishop Moyes is the leader on social questions in the Anglican Church.

He is chairman of the social questions committee of the Australian General Synod.

"Divorce in the home, like war among nations, is an acknowledgment of the bankruptcy of our higher life," he said.

"Before going to the Divorce Court, every effort to effect reconciliation should be made."

"As Bishop, as a partner in marriage for 30 years, and as missionary for 20 years, I offer to help at reconciliation in any home where husband and wife are drifting apart."

"A home made is a contribution to the nation."

"Rifts which break up homes might be stopped if, attempts at reconciliation are made in the early stages."

"In physical life people go to their doctor," said Bishop Moyes.

"If they suffer from spiritual or psychological ills, there is no reason why they should not ask help from their spiritual physicians."

The tragedy of divorce, Bishop Moyes added, was the case with which it could be obtained.

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John B. Galts of Fairmount, Mo., father of five children, wants to pay off the mortgage on his home, remodel it and educate his children. But like a lot of us, he needs money. So he is willing to sell one of his eyes for \$10,000. Above, his four-year-old daughter Vivian wonders how her daddy will look with one eye gone.

QUEEN'S AID WITH JIG-SAW PUZZLE

But Pieces Were Missing

WHEN the King and Queen spent over two hours in the East End recently they received one of the greatest welcomes of their reign.

First they went to the Queen's Hospital for Children, in Hackney Road, E., where they were received by Lord Lifford, president of the hospital, and by the Mayors of Bethnal Green, Hackney, Shoreditch and Stoke Newington.

The Queen was dressed in black, with a high-brimmed black hat, and the King wore a black tie with his short black coat.

Lily Bruley and George Faulkner were playing in the Princess Elizabeth Ward with a jig-saw puzzle representing the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent when the royal party arrived. The Queen tried to fit one piece in.

BIT OF ANOTHER

"No, your Majesty, that bit belongs to another puzzle," explained Lily. "We've finished this one now."

The Queen asked why there were still some blank spaces left and Lily explained that some of the pieces had been lost.

At Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, the first of the universities settlements, the King and Queen were received by the Archbishop of Canterbury (the chairman) and Dr. J. J. Mallon (the warden). On the floodlit roof they watched girls playing basket ball.

In the canteen the King and Queen saw tea being served by the Toynbee Hall domestic staff to the workmen who built the new wing and their wives.

A FOURPENNY GRILL

"How much do you charge for meat?" the Queen asked Mrs. Boyd, who is organising the new canteen. "They can have a grill for fourpence," was the reply.

NEW DANCE FOLLOWS LAMBETH WALK

The King's liking for the shanty "The Village Blacksmith" has inspired the new community dance "The Chestnut Tree," which is expected to succeed the Lambeth Walk. The dance was recently performed in public for the first time at a London dance hall and at 500 public dances throughout the country.

A song writer spent a day at the King's camp for boys at Southwold, Suffolk, and watched the King singing the song with the gestures.

The King stretched his arms ("spreading"), touched his chest and head (chestnut), then flung up his arms to indicate a tall tree. From this Miss Adele England arranged a ballroom dance routine. Dancers are supposed to sing "The Village Blacksmith" in dance time with emphasis on "Under the spreading chestnut tree."

Mr. C. L. Hiemann, who launched the ballroom version of the Lambeth Walk, says: "The Chestnut Tree will outshine everything." The King and Queen did the Lambeth Walk at the Ghillies' Ball at Balmoral last month. The Chestnut Tree is to be televised shortly.

"And don't forget they get chip potatoes for that, too," said Dr. Mallon.

The Queen asked how it could be done so cheaply, and was told it was because the overhead expenses were very small.

Before they left the royal party watched men and women ballet dancers rehearsing in the new theatre. From the stage Dr. Mallon said that it was the first visit of a Sovereign to Toynbee Hall, and it would always be remembered.

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EX-CITY CLERK AS "KING OF CHINA"

Made Fortune From Spain

BECAUSE, in two years, he has made a fortune running ships to Spain, Mr. Jack Albert Billmeir, 37-years-old London shipowner, is called "The King of Spain" in the City. Now he may soon be called "The King of China" too.

His fleet of 22 British-registered ships is now being used to take arms and food supplies for the Chinese Government as well as for the Spanish Government.

Recently 6,000 tons of arms and ammunition were unloaded from his steamer Stanhall at Rangoon, Burma.

The arms, which come from the Soviet Union, will be transported to China by barges and special convoys of lorries.

The Stanhall, which is owned by the Stanhope Steamship Company, Ltd., of which Mr. Billmeir is principal shareholder, has for the past two years been engaged on Spanish war trade.

She arrived off Rangoon, and lay outside the harbour strongly guarded, waiting for permission to unload.

While Burmese officials were wondering yesterday whether the unloading of the arms might cause international complications, Mr. Billmeir was spending a quiet week-end out of town.

"I'm not going to say where he is," his secretary said. "We want no publicity at all."

HIS BIG CHANCE

Jack Billmeir's rise to one of the strongest places in British shipping has been meteoric. He was a shipbroker's clerk, and the Stanhope Steamship Company, Ltd., with their two ships, were almost unknown.

Then war broke out in Spain. Quickly, Billmeir, who is plump, reserved, and wears pince-nez, gained control, and in two years increased the fleet to 22 vessels.

While trading in the Mediterranean several of his ships have been bombed and shelled. He featured in the storms of protest which followed the attacks on the British flag.

He owns an unpretentious villa named Lamorna in Stanhope-road, Hornsey. Almost every one of his ships has a name beginning with "Stan," after the quiet Hornsey road where he has lived for many years.

Now he has bought a large house in Bishop-avenue, East Finchley, and a large country residence near Whitstable, Kent. Bishop-avenue is called "Millionaires' Avenue" locally because so many rich men live there.

"MADE A MILLION"

Many rival shipowners say that Billmeir made nearly a million pounds in Spanish war trade.

But prohibitive insurance charges, low cargo rates, and heavy risks of shelling by General Franco's gunboats and aeroplanes have cut down the "big money" that was to be made.

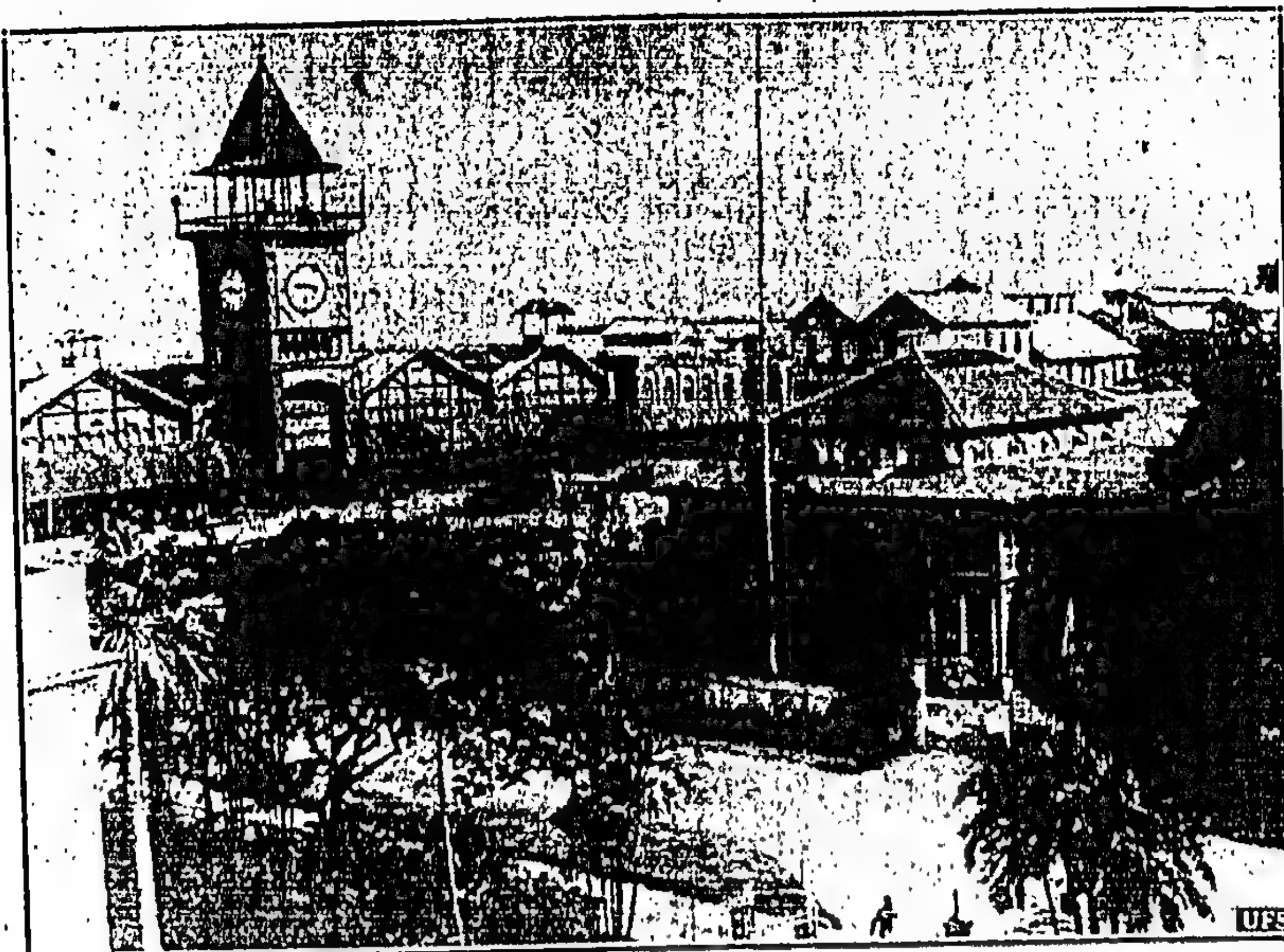
Owners of the 140 British-registered ships trading to Spain are beginning to look elsewhere.

Imported Eggs Kill A Girl

South Shields, (Durham).

A germ from imported duck eggs caused the death of twelve-year-old Veronien Hudson, of Livingstone-street, South Shields, it was revealed at the inquest in South Shields recently.

Veronien died on November 8, and the following day her father, mother and two brothers were taken to hospital. They have since recovered.



If new surveys of British Guiana prove promising, according to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Britain will lease 10,000 square miles "on generous terms" to Jewish refugees from Germany. This is a view of Stabroek Market in Georgetown, capital city. British Guiana's principal products are rice, coffee, coconuts, diamonds and rum.

MOTHER NOT SURE WHICH IS WHICH

DENHAM (Bucks).

TONY and Monty Maling, eleven-year-old twins, are so alike that their mother, Mrs. Beatrice Maling, uncertain which is really Monty and which Tony, recently asked the Rev. W. Allan, curate of Denham, if she could have them rebaptised.

She believes that after their first baptism, when they were babies, Tony may have become Monty, and Monty Tony.

Mr. Allan told her he did not think it was possible by the orthodox law of the Church of England for a child to receive a second baptism.

Mrs. Maling said at her home in New Denham - road, Denham: "They're getting more difficult to tell apart as they grow older. I don't know what will happen when they start taking the girls out, or if some body leaves one of them some money."

"Of course, they've each known themselves by the same name for years now. And my instinct tells me which is Tony and which is Monty. But this is how I think they may have got mixed."

"When they were babies I had a blue ribbon on Tony and a pink ribbon on Monty. But when they were four months old we took the ribbons off, and engaged a girl to take them out in the pram and put them to bed."

"Tony always had the top end of the pram and the right half of the bed. But the girl couldn't tell."

Girl Tenor Dies In Hollywood

Ruby Helder, the little girl with the man's voice, who sang on the radio some years ago, has died in Hollywood.

Bristol was her home town. Santley heard her sing and gave her lessons for seven years.

A Vienna throat specialist said her larynx was heavier than the ordinary woman's.

Her ambition was to sing in opera, but her trouble was that, although her voice was big enough for the tenor's music, her presence was inadequate for the tenor's strut.

For the past few years she had lived in America, retired. She was 48 when she died.

which was which. I think she may have muddled them."

"Connie, their little sister, and I are the only people who can tell them apart. My husband can't. He's given up trying. He's always calling them by the wrong names."

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INSURGENTS REPULSED BARCELONA CLAIMS

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beses, and have reached the outskirts of nearby Albalas.

ADVANCE ON ALL SECTORS
Burgos reports state that the insurgents have advanced on all sectors of the Catalan front, and that the offensive continues vigorously. Several kilometres of territory in the northern sector have been seized despite a snowstorm making it difficult to scale the heights over 1,600 metres. Insurgent cavalry mopped-up the left bank of the Ebro as far as the heights and the village of Flix, the bridge of which was used by the Loyalists in the Ebro battle to establish contact between the two banks.

It is reported that 1,500 perished in to-day's engagement. Early morning reports received at Barcelona from the Tremp sector show that the insurgents, after repeated hammering for five days, have slightly improved their positions north of Montsech. They used tanks and infantry and reached the cross-roads.

The Loyalists are immediately preparing for counter-attack, and are concentrating a company of armoured tanks for the effort. Fighting is still continuing with the insurgents losing heavily in hand-to-hand fighting over a very small frozen hillock, which is being tenaciously contested.

According to a Sunday message, the first phase of General Franco's "end the war" offensive is completed, and leaders are now preparing a second drive designed to change the map of Catalonia.

TRIANGULAR FRONT
Insurgent despatches claim continued successes on the omicron front which is gradually shaping itself into a huge triangle, with the apex aimed almost directly at Barcelona.

As the triangle began to take shape, it appeared that the walled town of Cervera, which is almost in the heart of Catalonia, was General Franco's immediate objective.

Despatches also state that the northern wing of Franco's army of 300,000, had swept across the Montsech mountain range, south-east of Tremp, and had captured the villages of Balaguer and Masana, and had prepared to attack Arles de Segre, the so-called gateway to Catalonia.

Franco's southern wing is reported to be only 30 miles from Tarragona on the Mediterranean coast, and 54 miles from Barcelona, but the forces are heading north to join the northern wing, probably at Cervera. The object of the drive apparently is to cut off a large slice of Catalan territory in a seasonal movement, and then to press eastward towards the coast.—United Press.

GERMAN REPORT

Bilbao, Dec. 28.
The Christmas offensive by General Franco has yielded the following results after four days of battle, says an insurgent report:

An advance of 18 miles in depth, 6,721 prisoners, and more than 9,000 Loyalist casualties; 32 Loyalist planes were shot down, and another eight are believed to have been destroyed. The entire region south of Lerida to the Ebro bank near Flix is cleared of Loyalists.

Insurgent infantry is advancing irresistibly. The defence of the Loyalists is weaker than expected, apparently as a result of heavy losses suffered during the Ebro battle.

The insurgent advance is now endangering Loyalist communications on the southern Ebro front, and with regard to Lerida.

HUGE INSURGENT GAINS

Burgos, Dec. 28.
The insurgent offensive in Catalonia has so far resulted in the insurgent occupation of 400 square miles of territory, the capture of 7,600 prisoners, and hundreds of tons of material, together with 30 aeroplanes.

The Loyalists are reported to be moving up battalions after battalions to fill the gaps in their ranks.

In the Segre zone, the insurgents estimate that a Loyalist army corps must have been practically wiped out.

Two triangular wedges which the insurgents have thrust into the Loyalist defences in the Segre zone are being driven deeper daily. Already road arteries feeding

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 2nd January, 1939. (The First week-day in January).

Hongkong, 28th December, 1938.

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The Committee wish it to be generally known that with effect from 1st January, 1939, the club is re-constituted. The committee extend a cordial and hearty invitation to all members R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) to visit and attend the club.

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Hon. Secretary.

December 22, 1938.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

DARING SHAI COUP BY BANDIT GANG

(Continued from Page 1.)

Settlement police, none has been apprehended.

The party is known to have included at least three Britons, Mr. J. H. Ford and Mrs. Innes of the A.P.C., and Mrs. Innes, as well as two American doctors, Dr. T. B. Dunn and Dr. D. J. Collins.

Although hold-ups of Chinese are a daily occurrence, yesterday's affair involving foreigners is the first case of this kind for many years.—Reuter.

SEVEN CARS HELD UP

Shanghai, Dec. 28.
A sensational armed robbery, in which the victims were foreigners, occurred in Shanghai to-night. Seven motor cars, whose 15 occupants were mostly Americans, were held up by five armed robbers, believed to be Chinese.

The party, who were on their way back from a visit to the American Columbia Country Club, situated in the western area of Shanghai, were robbed of all their money and jewelry.

The bandits, who were armed with machine pistols, afterwards boarded a waiting motor car and made good their escape.

The outrage occurred at a spot lying between the territories controlled by the Japanese, and the International Settlement.—Trans-Reuters.

C.C.C. OFFICIALS ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.
Five officials of the Continental Credit Corporation of Winchester in Indiana, and its associated firms, have been indicted by a Federal jury of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Schemes organised by the defendants are alleged by the Government to have cost business houses and individuals in the Middle West \$240,000.—Reuter.

The Loyalist main defences at Seo-deurgh, and before the towns of Lerida and Balaguer are dangerously threatened.

With good weather and easier country, the insurgent forces are driving in a southern wedge with Stros Fayon as their base. So far they have made very quick progress, but the advance here has somewhat slowed down at the foot of the hills bordering north Tarragona province.

Insurgent forces entered the outskirts of the town of Granadella at midday to-day.

The northern insurgent wedge, with its base between Tremp and the confluence of the Moya and Segre rivers, is pressing somewhat slowly owing to the mountainous country, while temperatures have been at low as 10 degrees below zero.

Nevertheless, the capture at the point of the bayonet of Capella Sierra, on the important road junction, has enabled the insurgents to advance between Tremp and Balaguer.—Reuter.

POPULAR OFFICER GETS NEW COMMAND

COLONEL N. M. S. IRWIN, popular G.S.O.1 of the China Command since 1937, is to leave Hongkong next year to assume command of the 6th Infantry Brigade, according to a War Office announcement, cabled by "Reuter."

Colonel Irwin will assume the temporary rank of Brigadier in his new appointment.

Colonel Noel Mackintosh Stuart Irwin, M.C., D.S.O., was born in India on Christmas Eve forty-six years ago. Educated at Marlborough College, he later went to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and joined the Essex Regiment in 1912. He was promoted to the rank of Major in the Border Regiment in 1917, and was a Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel in 1921.

He served in France with the Battalion from August, 1914, and commanded the 2nd Battalion the Lincolnshire Regiment from 1917 to 1918. He also commanded the 6th Batt. the Leicester Regiment in 1918 and from 1918 to the following year commanded the 1st Batt. the Lincolnshire Regiment.

He was temporary Colonel Sub-Area Commandant in France in 1919, and during his service there he was awarded the D.S.O., and two Bars, the M.C., and the Croix de Guerre, and was also mentioned five times in despatches.

He was at the Staff College from 1924 to 1925, and served with the General Staff on the Rhine from 1926 to 1927. He was in India from 1929 to 1933 and from 1933 to 1935 was Chief Instructor, R. M. C., Sandhurst. He was at the Imperial College in 1936, and was promoted to Colonel the following year, when he took up his appointment in Hongkong as General Staff Officer, 1st Grade.

At one time he was a brilliant hockey player, and played both for his battalion and the Army. For three years he was a member of the Marlborough College Shooting VIII, and one year was captain of the team.

NEW SHANGHAI COMMANDER
"Reuter" also confirms the report published in the "Telegraph" yesterday that Colonel F. K. Simmons has been promoted from the General Staff in Palestine to command the Shanghai Area, with the temporary rank of Brigadier.

Lieut.-Colonel Frank Keith Simmons, M.V.O., M.B.E., M.C., of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, was born in 1888. He was educated at Cranbrook School and served in the European War, being awarded the M.V.O., M.C., and Croix de Guerre. Subsequently he became military attaché at Madrid, serving in this capacity from 1928 to 1931.

He was appointed a temporary commander of the Southern Brigade (Palestine) in 1936.

Italian Princess To Wed Soon

Rome, Dec. 28.
The wedding of the youngest daughter of the King and Queen of Italy, Princess Maria of Savoy, with Prince Louis of Bourbon, will, it is announced, take place on January 15. The bridegroom, who is 30 years of age, is the son of the late Duke Robert of Parma, by the latter's second marriage. His mother is the Infanta Maria Antonia of Portugal, and one of his sisters is the ex-Empress Zita of Austria. The bride is 24 years of age.—Trans-Ocean.

Russo-Japanese Parleys To Resume

Tokyo, Dec. 28.
Negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia regarding the renewal of the fisheries convention will be resumed next year, according to an agreement reached in Moscow, says the semi-official Japanese news agency.

The report adds that it is hoped that before the beginning of the new fishing season, the basis of a treaty in the form of a modus vivendi will be found, safeguarding Japanese fishing rights in Berin, Okhotsk and the Japan seas.—Trans-Ocean.

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T.T. Manila	57 1/2
T.T. Batavia	53 1/2
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4 m/s France	11.45
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COL. IRWIN

Eire Premier To Visit America

Dublin, Dec. 28.
Mr. Eamon De Valera, the Irish Premier, will arrive in Washington on May 6 next year, and stay there one day as guest of President Roosevelt at the White House. It was officially announced to-day.

Mr. De Valera will then spend several days in New York, and will probably open the Irish Pavilion at the World Exhibition.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

	New York, Dec. 28.	New York Cotton
Jan. (1939)	8.25/24	16.53/43
Mar. (1939)	8.30/35	8.40/47
May (1939)	8.35/40	8.40/47
July (1939)	8.40/45	8.27/28
Oct. (1939)	7.87/86	8.06/80
Dec. (1939)	7.54/54	7.08/60
Spot	7.57/57	7.71 N
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	New York Rubber
Mar. (1939)	16.55/56
May	16.48/49
Sept.	16.40/41
Oct.	16.40 A

	Chicago Wheat
May	08.08 1/4
July	08.08 1/4
Sept.	08.08 1/4
Tuesday's Sales:	12,000,000 bushels

	Chicago Corn
May	52 1/2
July	53 1/2
Sept.	54 1/2

	Winnipeg Wheat
Dec.	61 1/2
May	62 1/2
July	63 1/2

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

After the rather prolonged holiday, the market opened unexpectedly steady, with the lower-priced stocks taking the lead in the enquiry. The session was too short for the market to get into its stride, but closed quite steady.

Hongkong Bank	\$1,375
Chartered Bank	\$1,375
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H.K. Docks (Old)	\$113
H.K. Docks (New)	\$113
Provident (Old)	\$63
Provident (New)	\$63
H. & S. Hotels	\$60
H.K. Land	\$30
H.K. Realities	\$5
H.K. Tramways	\$17.10
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Hongkong Bank	\$1,400
China Underwriters	\$2.70
Provident (New)	\$62.50
H. & S. Hotels	\$60
Humphreys	\$9
Yamat Ferry (Old)	\$22 1/2
China Light	\$9.70
H.K. Electric	\$2 1/2
Ind. Crawford	\$10.00
Cement	\$15 1/2
Dairy Farms	\$24 1/2
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Constructions	\$1 1/2
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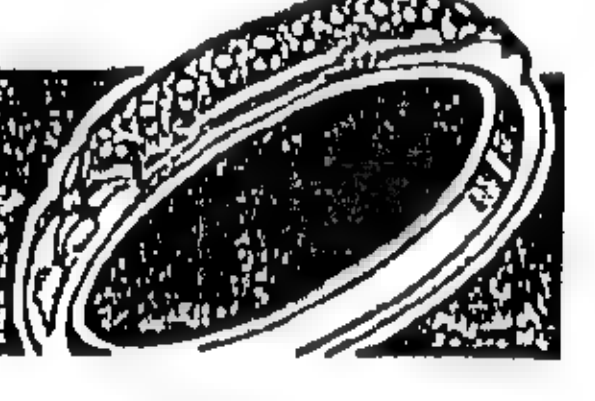
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Japan	La Plata Maru	December 28
Shanghai and Swatow	Nankin	December 28
Amoy	Sochow	December 28
Japan and Shanghai	Talma	December 28
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	December 28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Bangalore	December 30
U.S.A., Vancouver, H.C. date, 10th December.		
Shanghai	Emp. of Japan	December 30
Manila	M/V Nankin	December 30
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th December.	Pres. Taft	December 30
Hohow	Imperial Airways Plane	December 31
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st December.	Mulnam	December 31
Java	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 31
Straits	Tjilatjap	December 31
Straits	Aushun	January 1
Straits	Behar	January 1
Straits	Laos	January 1
Straits	Sarpedon	January 1

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban.	Thurs, Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.	
Shanghai and Dairen	Ursula Rickmers	Thurs, Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Haliphong	Wingsang	Thurs, Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Tientsin	Hohow	Thurs, Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Norviken	Thurs, Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs, Dec. 29, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia via "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 7th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs, Dec. 29, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Amoy	Van Heutz	Thurs, Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Tientsin	Friday	
Fort Bayard and Hohow	Leesang	Fri, Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Shantung	Fri, Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 10th January.	Klansu	Fri, Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
	Terukuni Maru	Fri, Dec. 30, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th January.	Terukuni Maru	Fri, Dec. 30, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa and Amoy	Canton Maru	Fri, Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Fri, Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri, Dec. 30, 4.30 p.m.
Papers for Straits and Parcels and Papers only for Cebu	Talma	Fri, Dec. 30, G.P.O.
Parcels	Reg.	Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th January.	Papers	Dec. 31, 9.00 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Menelaus	Fri, Dec. 30, 7 p.m.

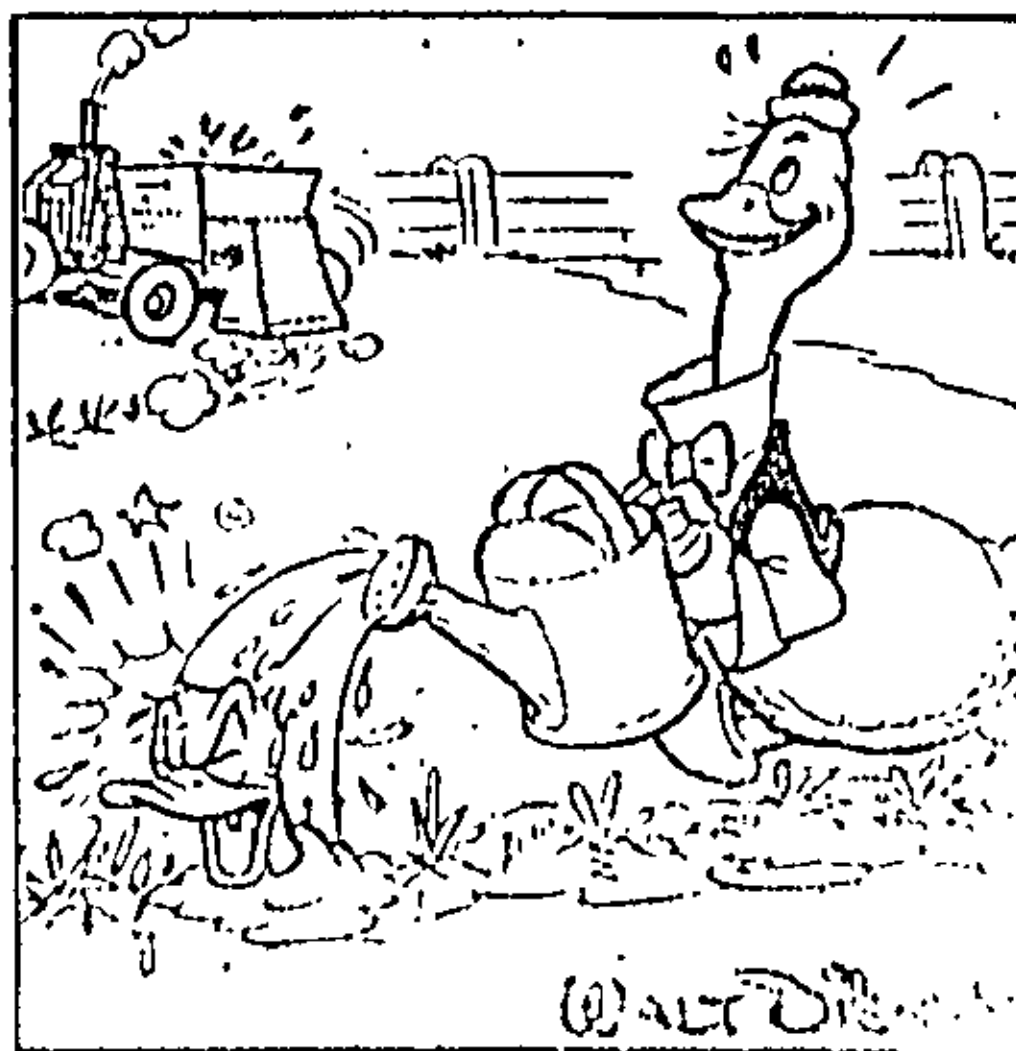
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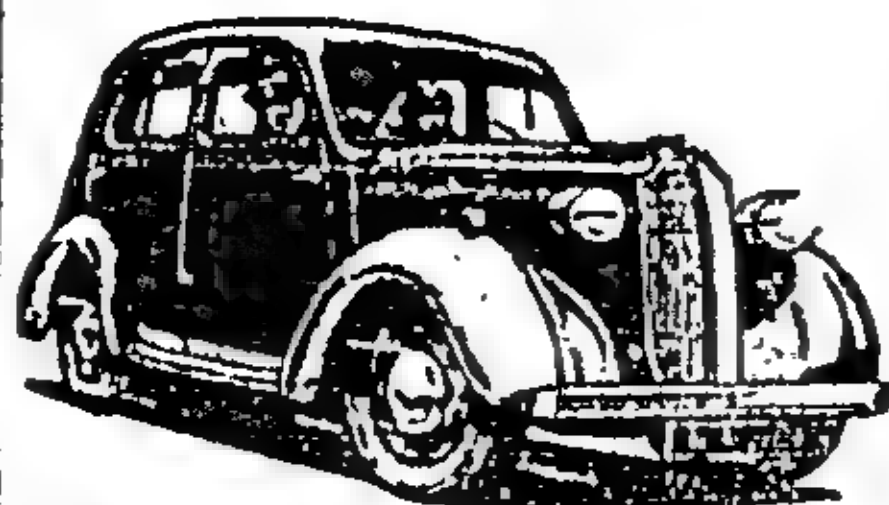
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Black Man's Continent

THE DEY OF ALGIERS hit the French Consul on the head with his fly-swatter.

They had been arguing (it was 1832) over a little matter connected with a bill for grain, and the conversation had become heated.

There was a diplomatic incident, a blockade of Algiers, and a shot was fired. A French Expeditionary Force landed, and the conquest of this part of the African coast began.

That fly-swatter ought to rank with the Serajevo bullet. It started one of the most drama-packed incidents of the history of the world—the carve-up of the continent of Africa among European nations.

It has a very special interest to-day, because France and Italy are now wrangling over Djibouti.

The last independent African kingdom disappeared when Italy annexed Abyssinia. Now there's nothing left to wrangle over but the other man's possessions.

Why is Italy so anxious to obtain possession of this small, arid French Colony, which breeds nothing but goats, grows nothing but a small quantity of gum?

It is waterless save along the southern frontier, where lies British Somaliland. It is a chaotic mass of volcanic rocks, destitute of vegetation and presenting in places a scene of weird desolation.

Italy cannot possibly want French Somaliland—and threaten even to go to war to get it—for its resources or for colonisation purposes.

No, that is not the reason. It has a harbour, Djibouti. It has a railway terminal (the other end of which is at Addis Ababa, capital of Italy's newest Colony)—also Djibouti. Most important of all, it has a city which, if fortified, will become to the Suez Canal and Red Sea what Gibraltar has become to the Mediterranean—also Djibouti.

Italian Somaliland, which has a coastline of 1,200 miles, has no harbour, no railway, no port which can be turned into a fortified naval base. Eritrea has a port—Massawa—but between it and the hinterland lies a chain of almost unsurmountable mountains.

France holds, in Djibouti, the key that can close the door to Abyssinia. Italy wants that key.

INHOSPITABLE SEA



A steamer alongside the quay at Djibouti

THERE are few less hospitable places in the world than the Red Sea and its coasts, even in the winter, let alone in midsummer. Through this inhospitable sea Italian and French troops would pour into Djibouti, seaport of French Somaliland, and Massawa, seaport of Eritrea, if it comes to a show-down between the two countries.

The heat is a torment, the very breeze scorches, like the hot air barbers blow on to your hair to dry off a shampoo. You seem to breathe in dust, hopelessness, so that the back of the mouth is everlastingly dry. The sun beats down with a relentless, dazzling monotony, and you have not even the satisfaction of knowing that nightfall will bring relief.

For night, too, is hot, sullenly, heavily hot, and the stars seem beady, like eyes in a fat, perspiring face. Flies settle languidly on features too languid to twitch them away and fans just stir up the sultriness. Trying to think is like trying to drive a car through fog.

I have known such heat in Upper Egypt when the temperature was 115 deg. in the shade, and when, waking up at day-break on the roof of a house where I slept, I looked over the desert, seeing the grey dunes like a threat, and the sun come up, fiery, a doom and an abomination.

Then the interminable waste of sand all round seemed a fitting background, it parched too, it also a victim of the relentless sun; and life became cruel and simplified, and there was no luxuriance, no rich, tangled jungle, no fertility even anywhere; only heat and glare and sand.

Even passengers in luxuriously equipped liners, with ice and fans and nothing to do but loll on deck, find the Red Sea intolerable when there is a following wind.

To add to everything else a sort of saltiness in the air makes it sticky, unsavoury to breathe. It is not uncommon, in such circumstances, for a liner to stop, turn round, and let the following wind blow through it for half an hour so as to get an airing.

On shore, no such devices are possible. Italian and French soldiers packed in Massawa and Djibouti just have to endure, languidly watching the arrival of more ships and waiting with tepid water to drink and food mostly shipped from Europe to eat.

Flying over such places, it seems extraordinary that they support life at all. You see nothing but desolation, an occasional shadow where a few trees are, a cluster of houses by the sea coast.

It seems quite strange, landing, to find men, black and thick-fetured and impassive-looking, clustering round the place, and to realise that somehow or other they manage to extract from such barren surroundings the wherewithal to keep alive.

The Red Sea ports—Port Sudan, Massawa, Assab, Djibouti, Berbera, Aden—all look very much alike passing by them—a sea-front, a row of palm trees, white houses, little encampments of what is called civilisation existing precariously on the edge of desolation.

The European officials who come on board have a white, tired look. Their faces bear the marks of much boredom endured. It is not difficult to imagine what their lives are like, for life for a European in the East does not vary much as between one small station and another.

Nor does it vary much as between one European and another. Your Frenchman or Italian may look rather more soiled and creased than your Englishman, be more inclined to sit in pyjamas in the evenings, have a more indolent, frankly perspiring, frankly homesick, forlorn air. But for all there is at the same round of sunset drinks, the same monotonous hospitality, a sense of being transplanted in an uncivilised, unfruitful soil.

Even the recent Abyssinian War would not revive these sleepy, unappetising regions. An Englishman who went to Massawa during the conflict described to me how the place still seemed dead, despite the ships packed in the harbour and the wharf loaded with a jumbled variety of goods, from foodstuffs to road material.

He wandered about, and found a little sultry bar, and five Europeans in the bar. They had not had a proper meal for five days. He took them on board his ship and fed them. They were enormously grateful.

Looking at the Red Sea and its little sleepy ports, which might be uninhabited for all the activity they show during most of the day, thinking of that parched, deserted earth, the traveller marvels that here should be the first stage in a conflict that has already shaken the whole European system.

Kipling has a story about three men who, as an experiment, set out to make an obscure village famous by putting it about that the village had unanimously voted the world to be flat. Their project was a complete success. Charabancs brought parties of visitors to the village, it figured in headlines and in music-hall songs, even in the proceedings of Parliament.

It is in the same way that the Eritrea-Somaliland coast became famous. Newsboys shouted it, and children played at launching attacks from it; it figured in the writings and speeches of statesmen. Yet it is now what it was before—the edge of a narrow sea where heat seems to get canalised, dry and unprofitable, a sea dividing the civilisation of Europe from the civilisation of Asia, and partaking of neither, with the wilderness of Africa on one side and an immense desert on the other.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Eat at the Captain's table? I should say not—we ain't used to eating with the help!"

T. Paul Gregory Tells of Hongkong's Most Famous Pirate

NOTHING is more dreaded by peaceful mariners than the cry of "Pirates ahoy!" The utterance of these words chills the heart, and the mind recalls with dread half-forgotten episodes in the history of the sea: memories of buccaneering raids, of surprises in the dark, the pillaging of ships, the slaughter of captains and crews, and stories of passengers being kidnapped and held for ransom.

Nowadays, of course, this cry is seldom heard; for piracy is practically an occurrence of the past. Yet some seventy or eighty years ago, when the waters around this Colony, were the rendezvous for as blood-thirsty a lot of fierce sea-rovers as could be found anywhere, it must have been heard with despairing frequency. That was an era of piratical coups, carried out by well-organised gangs, under the leadership of able and ruthless men.

ONE of these old-time pirate chiefs was Ma-chow Wong, a man whom Europeans of that day nicknamed "the grass-cutter" in allusion to the fact that he had once naively explained his presence in some forbidden cove by saying that he had gone there "to gather fuel."

Ma-chow Wong, whose real name was Wong A-kei, was said to have been born in the San-on district of Kwangtung about the year 1822. Practically nothing is known of his early life, but it is thought that his residence in Hongkong began about the time this Colony became a British possession.

We do know, however, that by the year 1845 when he was 23 years of age, he had already become acquainted with Mr. D. R. Caldwell, then Chinese Interpreter, who was to serve as his patron and confidential adviser for many years.

YOUNG Wong was in every way a man of parts, and by the time that he was twenty-seven was well established as a Hongkong merchant. It is likewise possible that he had already embarked upon his piratical career, but in those days he was but a small fry corsair, and it was not until the next decade that he managed to blossom forth as the most feared buccaneer along the South China coast. He was fortunate, too, in his dealings with the law, and although he was arrested in 1847 on a suspicion of fraud in connection with some merchandise purchased by his shop, he was speedily released. It is to be suspected, as some have hinted, that his friend, Mr. Caldwell had a great deal to do with his discharge from official custody; for it is certain that by this time, they had become "blood brothers" by adoption, and Wong had further sealed their intimacy

"Ma-chow Wong has been apprehended and his house searched, the books and papers being seized, amongst the latter are some papers in Mr. Caldwell's writing, showing that he had taken a direct interest in the business of the

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MURDER TRIAL BAN ON EVIDENCE ABOUT WIDOW Doctor's Test Of 257 Bottles

EVIDENCE relating to the widow was ruled out by Mr. Justice Asquith when the Temple Chambers murder trial was resumed at the Old Bailey recently.

Horace Budd, 29-year-old engineer, of Hornchurch (Essex), is charged with the murder of Francis Cyril Newlands (40), steward of a block of flats and offices at the Chambers.

The prosecution alleges that Newlands was poisoned by spirits of salts diluted with whisky.

On the day Newlands became ill Budd was said to have taken to the flat some spirits of salts in a black whisky bottle for use in soldering two tea urns.

According to the prosecution the bottle disappeared and had not been found.

HAD A "SWIG"

Dr. Owen John Patrick Dutton, who was called to see Newlands early on August 21, said that Budd produced a bottle almost immediately, telling him that Newlands had been taken suddenly ill and had had a "swig" from the bottle.

Mr. G. B. McClure, prosecuting, was about to question the doctor regarding Mrs. Newlands when Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C. (defending), objected, submitting that so far as she was concerned nothing about what she looked like or what she did could be evidence against Budd.

The judge agreed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Dutton agreed that Budd gave him every assistance, adding: "But I cannot understand why he did not send for a doctor, or communicate with the police, if the man was in pain in the afternoon."

Mr. Hutchinson: That will come better from counsel for the prosecution than from a witness. What I am asking you is: Did it appear as if Budd had been looking after Mr. Newlands that afternoon?—In view of what I had said, no. But I have no evidence of what happened during the afternoon.

"GET OUT"

George Arthur Ring, fruiterer and florist, of Fetter Lane, E.C., said that on August 20 Mr. Newlands asked him and his sister into the sitting room to have a drink.

Budd was there as they entered and Mr. Newlands twice told him to get out. Budd went out and walked slowly up and down outside.

Newlands asked Ring if he would have some whisky, and Ring then saw Budd step outside the door.

When the whisky was declined Budd walked on. Budd passed up and down a number of times.

Mrs. May Gladys Simpson, Ring's sister, said she saw Budd in the sitting-room. She went in with Mr. Newlands, who looked at Budd and

said: "Come on, get out," but Budd did not go.

Mr. Newlands touched him on the arm and said: "Come on, get out." With that, Budd walked out slowly and Mr. Newlands switched on the wireless.

THE UNWANTED STORY

Mr. McClure: Just to fix the time, what was being played when the wireless first started?—It was Jack Payne's band.

Did you hear the music stop?—Yes, with Jack Payne playing his signature tune. A short story was going to follow, and I asked my brother to switch the wireless off as we did not want it.

Evidence given by Mr. George William Whitton, engineer in charge of the control room at Broadcasting House on August 20, was read by the clerk of the court.

Mr. Whitton said that at 3.39 he faded out Jack Payne's band on the London Regional programme and at 3.40 he turned on a short story from the Northern Regional programme.

Jean Boothman, kitchenmaid at Temple Chambers, said that on August 20 she saw Budd in the kitchen. He was soldering a tea urn and had a black bottle from which he poured something into a tin.

Mrs. Boothman agreed that Budd did not attempt to hide the bottle.

Dr. Henry Edward Archer, assistant pathologist at St. Bartholomew's, said that in a whisky bottle sent to him he found one part of "killed" spirits of salts to eight parts of fluid.

Dr. Archer added that 257 bottles were sent to him, but he found no trace of killed spirits of salts in them.

The hearing was adjourned.



Rosemary, Veronica and Margaret Lesley, Bonnie daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Langley.—Mayfair Studios.

Schoolboy's Bunyan "Will" Only a Copy

Nottingham.

THE document which was believed to be John Bunyan's will, found in an old book by Paul Collier, a 14-year-old scholar of Nottingham Bluecoat School, was proved recently to be a very clever copy of the original document.

Dr. F. Mott Harrison, the greatest living authority on John Bunyan, travelled specially to the school to identify the document which had been handed to Captain Alfred Mearles, the headmaster, for safe keeping.

The document found by Paul Collier was closely examined at Captain Mearles's house.

CLEVER REPRODUCTION

"It is a very clever reproduction but outstanding facts show it to be a copy of the original will," said Dr. Mott Harrison.

"In the first place it is printed.

"The theory that Bunyan may have made two wills, the document found by Collier being one of them, is discounted by the fact that the same error occurs in both the original at Bedford and the document found by Collier.

"Bunyan began to sign his will which was really a deed of gift, and had got as far as John and a bit when the lawyer obviously told him to sign higher up on the paper.

"Bunyan crossed out the part of his name he had already written and wrote it in full again higher up.

"This is the mistake which occurs in the original and the Collier copy. Collier's copy is printed, but Bunyan made two copies of his will; he would not have made the mistake of signing too low down twice."

Captain Mearles is extremely grateful to Dr. Mott Harrison, or his investigation and clearing up the matter, for even an expert at a capital who examined the document was deceived by it.

Had Collier's discovery been a genuine original it would have been worth a great deal of money.

REASONABLE VIEW

He will be told Dr. Mott Harrison's verdict, and as some consolation for his disappointment, will receive an exact reproduction of Bunyan's will as a present from this great Bunyan authority.

"Captain Mearles's conclusion supported by the opinion of an expert lithographer was very reasonable in the circumstances," said Dr. Mott Harrison.

It is practically impossible for anyone but an expert, especially an expert on John Bunyan, to distinguish between genuine documents and copies.

Deflation Plus Inflation

Willows, Cal.

The evil effects inflation and deflation are not always purely of a financial or economic order. When a club caretaker here chased three boys off the club's hunting preserves, the boys returned and deflated the tires of his car. Besides a \$10 fine the boys were sent back to inflate them again.

Mr. D. G. Conolly, employed as bookkeeper by the defendants from June, 1925, to February, 1928, said he was handed most of the takings, and either banked the money or gave it to Mr. Balls or his wife.

From 1928 to 1933 the sum of £7,853 was taken at the Brixton

surgery, and £2,170 of that was banked and entered in the cash-book, which was the book the auditors were shown.

EMPIRE NEWS

Judge's Suicide In Tanganyika

Dar-Es-Salaam.

A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned at the inquest on Mr. Justice Knight-Bruce, Acting Chief Justice of Tanganyika Territory, who was found shot through the head in his bed room on November 7.

Sir Joseph Sheridan, Chief Justice of Kenya and President of the East African Court of Appeal, who was one of the chief witnesses, requested that part of his evidence should be heard in camera. Sir Joseph was staying with Mr. Justice Knight-Bruce at the time of the latter's death.

The Coroner, in his finding, stated that the closing of the court was not necessary in view of the nature of the evidence disclosed.

It appeared that Mr. Knight-Bruce had been a very sick man for a considerable time, both in body and mind. Domestic differences had arisen in which another unnamed person was concerned.

Sir Joseph Sheridan, in his evidence, said that Mr. Knight-Bruce was ill at the time, and was fitted with a brace when he left for England for a holiday shortly before the tragedy.

Sir Joseph referred to an incident at a public dance, when Mr. Knight-Bruce struck an individual in the presence of his wife, Sir Joseph Sheridan, and others. Later the men were brought together on friendly terms.

Sir Joseph Sheridan admitted that two nights before the tragedy he looked himself in his room, owing to the demeanour of Mr. Knight-Bruce.

AUSTRALIA

RURAL TRAINING FOR BOYS

Sydney.

Employment on farms in New South Wales has been found for 522 youths during the last year by officers of the rural employment scheme for boys. This brings the total number of boys for whom this organisation has found employment up to 4,000, of whom 3,000 have already opened savings bank accounts.

These activities for Australian youths are in addition to the work for immigrant youths which is being done by the Fairbridge Farm Schools, the Salvation Army and the Big Brother movement.

UNEMPLOYMENT TAX.—A bill has been introduced in Queensland to abolish the present unemployment relief tax and substitute a special income-tax to be known as the Income State Development Tax. From January 1 there will be an all-round reduction in the rate of tax now being paid. Under the new tax workers up to the level of the basic wage will be exempt and the rates on other incomes will be £211 to £227, £227 to £237, £237 to £249, 6d. in the pound; over £249, 6d. in the pound. This is in addition to the normal State and the Federal income-taxes.

MR. HUGHES'S WARNING.—Mr. W. M. Hughes, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech at the opening of the campaign for 70,000 more recruits, said: "We live in a mad world, in which it is necessary to prepare to deal with madmen. Australia's position is most dangerous. Britain is ready, but may be unable to help."

NEW ZEALAND

USE OF LONDON CREDITS

Auckland. Mr. Polson, M.P., president of the Primary Producers' Federation, declared that the use of Reserve Bank credit in London by the Government and the depletion of London funds had led to serious financial embarrassment.

Prof. Hytten, adviser to the Bank of New South Wales, is of the opinion that the expansion of the public works programme in New Zealand is causing an unbalanced economy.

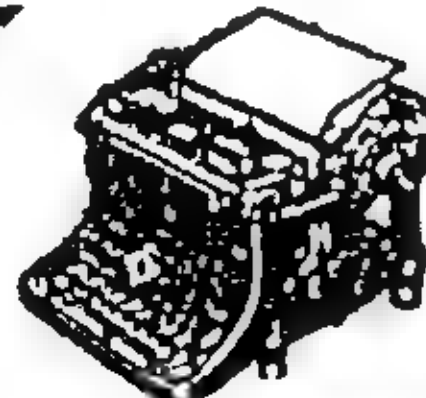
JAMAICA

SUGAR LABOURERS' GRIEVANCES

Kingston. A deputation from the Jamaica sugar industry informed the Royal Commission which is inquiring into labour troubles that if the economic condition of labourers on sugar estates was to be improved to a decent standard Jamaica would not only want a larger export quota than was granted under the international sugar agreement, but would require price increases.

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NO COMPETITION FOR HIM



As will be seen in the picture, Jack Odell, formerly of the Central British School, won the 400 metres at the International Athletic Meet at Cavendish Hill on Sunday with the greatest ease. He romped home fully 20 yards ahead of the second man, his time being 57 secs, which undoubtedly would have been better had he been pressed.—Photo by Staff Photographer.

Army Batsmen Take Good Lead In Cricket

Tie Against Navy Sailors Lose A Wicket Before Close of Play

(By "R. Abbit")

It is a most unpleasant reminder of the strenuous times we live in, to find how difficult it is for the Services to raise their best teams. The Army yesterday lost the services of Weedon, Man and Painter who were toying round with a machine-gun or something equally unpleasant. Twenty years ago that machine gun would have been uncommonly lonely so far as they were concerned. The Navy too had Glenister, Brownrigg and Kyrie away. Of course it has to be done but we older people do sigh for the spacious leisurely days of the past.

Lees won the toss and sent in Whitmarsh and L. S. Smith to face Godby at the Yard end and Paterson. The former appeared to be very stiff and bowled slow medium in his first over which Smith followed to be a maiden. Paterson too was all over the shop and eleven runs came from his first over. But disaster waited on the Navy. Godby speeded up and Whitmarsh in playing him to square leg lifted the ball a little and Lawrence took a low catch. (11-1-6.) Then Smith cut at the first ball of Paterson's second over and was taken by Land at second slip. 11-2-6.

MORE TROUBLE
This brought Manners and Kennedy together, both of whom have played for the Navy at Lord's. The latter shaped nicely and made an excellent shot past extra cover to the corner of the ground, but the

last ball of Godby was a fast yorker which just hit the off stumps. 17-3-6.
Land relieved Paterson and very nearly had Manners with a head-high full toss at which the batsman slumped and somehow or other put it between the wicket-keeper and first slip. The latter nearly got at it. Godby again produced his fast yorker next over and bowled Firth who had been shaping excellently. Four for thirty-three and the Navy were definitely on a lee shore.
It looked as if Clayton and Manners were starting a stand when the latter after hitting Land to long on and then to square leg (both beautiful fours) apparently lost his head and had a blind mow at an off ball and skied it to second slip. 47-5-20.
Two runs later Clayton skinned Godby to Land at second slip. Whitmarsh did not stop long, the seventh wicket falling at 54 but then Lees played a real captain's innings and Talbot stood by and later both hit out. Gradually the score mounted. Hatfield, who had been unable to turn up at the start, went on for Godby but he seemed stiff and did not bowl nearly as well as he had done against the Club. Talbot hit very hard and it was unfortunate that he hit a full toss to Paterson at deep mid on when the stand had reduced fifty-three of which his share was twenty-eight.
Moore hung on and Lees got two very pretty fours off Godby's first over when the latter went on for

Hatfield. Next over, however, Godby dropped in his pet yorker—only it was a bit slower one this time—and sent Lees back for an invaluable innings of 29, played at a most critical time. 115-5-29. Paxton made three singles and then Moores was l.b.w. to Godby who had bowled excellently, taking his six wickets for twenty runs.

THE ARMY BAT
After till the Army started their innings and after Corp. Webb had got his leg in front of one in Paxton's first over, a long and sedate stand followed. Logan shaped very well and Paterson (not the bowler) was very steady. He should, however, have been caught off Manners, who was probably doing more with the ball than could be seen from the pavilion. The score was sixty-six after an hour's play which is slow for the ground. At this point Paxton relieved Whitmarsh, and Moores went on for Manners. Moores sent down some very good balls but his length was very variable and Logan punished some short ones heavily. However, at 94 he mistimed a slower one and reaped up an easy chance to Lees. (94-2-46.)
Land came in and on-drove Paxton who, for some reason, had no deep field behind him and was accordingly far more expensive than he need have been. Just after the hundred was hoisted, Paterson was badly dropped at mid on. However, he did not increase his score before he tried to glance Paxton to fine leg and was caught at second slip off the back of his bat. (112-3-43.)
Land began to hit confidently and made two delightful late cuts off Moores, which sped to the boundary in a flash. This brought Manners back again and Land cut his second ball beautifully behind point but mistimed the next and Paxton fell forward at first slip and made the catch. A quick and good innings of 27 scored in a very attractive manner.

SLOW CRICKET
Things now became very dull, as both batsmen found it difficult to get the ball away. Godby especially seemed unhappy and did not give one the impression he was seeing them. After tea, Coombes was caught at the wicket almost at once. 146-5-13. Hatfield, promoted in the order, bowled a good knock against the Club now came in. However after he had scored two he was bowled by a quick one from Moores which kept low.

Paxton still bowled without a deep field straight and Godby off-drove him for four. But in Moores' next over a good break-back came back quickly and bowled him. 157-7-12. Swyers had come in after Hatfield and concentrated mainly on defence though he on-drove Paxton very nicely to the fence. Then Moores bowled Sgt. Baker with a good one, l.b.w. to 160. Lawrence, though in a good deal of pain from a pulled muscle, went in nobly to try to hold an end up and put Moores away to square leg for a couple. Two overs later he put Paxton out of the ground by the car park and the ball is reported to have reached the Bank of a perfectly timed shot. He was coming down hard on the ball and obviously has very powerful wrist-work. Manners went on but Lawrence batted him to the mid-wicket boundary the obvious by was most painful. Swyers was playing a nice game and evidently the practice he had against the Club, when he did little, helped him as he seemed to bat infinitely better. Lawrence square cut Manners for four and put a single to leg but Moores next over got a beauty past him. A most gallant innings—and the stand put on 34 runs. 195-9-19.

NAVY HAVE TO BAT
The Navy were unfortunate in having to bat for ten minutes and off the second ball of Hatfield's over, Clayton skinned the ball to first slip. Lees wisely sent in his left-hander next. Smith hit Godby to long-leg

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

INTER-CHANGE OF POSITIONS OF TEAMS TO DATE

The following are the standings of the various teams in the Hongkong H.A. Tournament to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Radio & P.S.C.	6	5	0	1	13	11
C.B.A.	6	4	2	0	9	8
Recordo	6	3	3	0	9	6
R.A.F.	6	3	3	0	20	6
Police "A"	3	3	0	0	0	6
Nomads	4	2	1	1	12	5
K.I.T.C.	5	1	2	2	11	4
Police "B"	4	0	4	0	0	16
Varsity	3	0	3	0	0	8
R.A.O.C.	5	0	5	0	12	0

Boxing

HARVEY MAY GO TO AMERICA

But Only For World Title Fight

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 3.
Len Harvey, having recaptured the British heavy-weight title on Thursday night, when he easily beat Eddie Phillips, spent a good part of yesterday discussing future matches. He aims high, and will not be easily matched.

Mr. Hulls, the Harringay promoter, is anxious to put Harvey into the ring in London against Max Baer, and intends to leave for New York in a fortnight's time to secure Baer's signature.

Failing Baer, he hopes to induce John Henry Lewis, former world's light heavy-weight champion, to come over for a return fight with Harvey, whom he beat at Wembley two years ago. Walter Nessel is also considered as an opponent.

For the past two months, Harvey told me yesterday, he has been in touch with Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the New York promoter, regarding possible fights in America, and when the result of the Phillips fight was known in New York, Johnston and Mike Jacobs both talked of inviting Harvey to go. Harvey's only wish was

NO ELIMINATORS
"I am not particularly interested in Max Baer as a fight with him takes me nowhere. Nessel I regard in exactly the same way. I want no more eliminating fights, and I will not in any circumstances go to America to take part in one."

"If I would go there to fight Joe Louis for the world's heavy-weight title, and I would go for a match with John Henry Lewis for the light heavy-weight championship, I am just as qualified to fight Louis as

for four and that was that.

ROYAL NAVY.—1ST. INNS.
Capt. Whitmarsh, c Lawrence, b Godby 0
L/S Smith, c Land b Paterson 0
Lt. Commander Kennedy, b Godby 0
Lt. Manners, c Godby, b Land 20
Commr. Firth, b Godby 0
E. A. Clayton, c Land, b Godby 4
Commr. Lees, b Godby 29
S. P. O. Wanstall, c Paterson, b Land 4
Lt. Talbot, c Paterson, b Baker 28
Mar. Moores, l.b.w., b Godby 3
C. P. O. Paxton, not out 5
Extras 5

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Godby 11.5 2 20 0
Paterson 3 1 10 2
Land 0 1 40 2
Hatfield 6 1 21 1
Swyers 2 1 12 1
Baker 3 2 1 1
Bowler no ball.

ARMY.—1ST. INNS.
S/Sgt. Patterson, c Whitmarsh 43
b Paxton, b Godby 0
Cpl. Webb, l.b.w., b Paterson 46
Driver Logan, c Lees b Moores 27
Sgt. Land, c Paxton b Manners 12
Capt. Godby, b Moores 13
Pte. Coombes, c Clayton b Moores 2
Pte. Hatfield, b Moores 2
Major Swyers, st. Clayton b Manners 13
Sgt. Baker, b Moores 0
Capt. Lawrence, b Moores 19
P. S. M. Paterson, not out 4
Extras 20

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Paxton 24 3 61 2
Moores 22 5 58 6
Manners 13.1 3 30 2
Whitmarsh 9 0 24 2
L/S Smith, not out 4
E. A. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield 0
S. P. O. Wanstall, not out 0
Total (1 wkt.) 4

NAVY.—2ND. INNS.
L/S Smith, not out 4
E. A. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield 0
S. P. O. Wanstall, not out 0
Total (1 wkt.) 4

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Godby 2 1 4 1
Hatfield 1 1 1 1

"Pilgrim" Says—

ADVICE GIVEN TO FORWARDS

INTER-CHANGE OF POSITIONS OF TEAMS TO DATE

OPPOSITION MAY BE THROWN INTO DISORDER

An outside left should always keep well out on the touch line except when play is round the opposing circle. He should then come in a little on the chance of the ball coming across and being missed by the inside-left.

The outside left may then have a chance to slip in and get in a shot, or pass to a better-placed colleague. He must always be on the look-out for a clearance to the wing by one of the defenders, and if he sees any prospect of it, he should place himself in the position to which the clearance is likely to be made; for backs and goalies under pressure have little time to pick and choose as to where to hit, but are generally content to clear the ball anywhere out to the wing.

In taking passes on the left, the back of the stick should be facing the direction in which the ball is coming, so that on impact with the

side his winger, giving him a sign, if necessary, as he does so. The winger at once passes the ball out to him and, unmarked as he probably will then be, the inside man can get well away on the wing.

This movement, to be effective, must be done quickly, before the defenders can get back into position once again.

A centre-forward, for various reasons, dribbles occasionally towards the inside-left or inside-right. As he does so, the inside should at once see whether he is likely to be crowded out by this move, and if so, should cut inwards, thus taking the centre-forward's place.

Half-backs and full-backs can change when the winger has got well away, and the half is not fast enough to catch up before the winger centres. The back then goes out to tackle, and the half cuts diagonally inwards to fill the gap.



Lieut. Hook (R.A.), brilliant Army pivot, who will be seen in action against the Navy at Sookunpoo tomorrow.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

THE Nomads last Saturday drew 1-1 with the K.I.T.C. in a close and interesting game. H. Gubbay, S. A. Reed and Silva in the attack opened with a rush and for a short while looked like scoring a quick goal; but gradually their opponents settled down and play became very even, with the Nomads, if anything, having the better of the exchanges.

R. J. REED equalised for the Nomads in the second half, off a short corner. He was also outstanding at centre-half with his clever stick-work. Xavier, at left back, was brilliant, his speed and first-time clearances being a feature of the game. In my opinion, the Nomads were rather unlucky not to have won as the goal scored against them was shot from an off-side position.

K.I.T.C. made a bad start and it was only in the second half when Pyara Singh and Malik reverted to their usual positions that Pinto and Parlab began to combine effectively. There was too much shouting by those in the defence to allow the team to play the sort of game which they revealed earlier in the season. If this continues, the Kowloon Indians, as a team, will not go far.

IQBAL Singh, deputising for Man Singh in goal, gave a very sound display during the closing stages of

the game. The K.I.T.C. secured a lucky point as the result of C. Pinto's goal; he was in an off-side position when he scored. There was too much aimless hitting in the course of the game.

THE C.B.A. last Monday defeated the Police "B" by 2-0 at Mongkok. A slippery sandy surface made neat play difficult, but despite the conditions, perfect combination was maintained by G. H. and S. A. Fowler and D. Smith in the attack. The Whitley brothers, Tom and Norman, were prominent among the halves, and Austin, playing the one back game, had little to do. A late start was made and both teams played with only ten men. C.B.A. were quickly on the offensive and maintained pressure throughout the match. G. H. Fowler scored a goal in each half.

POLICE "B" fought enthusiastically and only bad finishing by the forwards prevented them from equalising before the interval. Jessop, in goal, played a brilliant game throughout and saved the side from a heavier defeat. Lenzie was also outstanding at centre-half. Chanan Singh, at right back, also played remarkably well. The attack, with Pennell as leader, made several raids, but good work was spoilt by wild shooting. The Police "B" will have to field a much stronger team—and I believe they have the men—if they hope to obtain their first Tournament points.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Eddie Paynter Scores Century In Each Innings In First Test Match

Third Englishman to do This Against The South Africans: Game Drawn

As generally expected, after the third day's play, the First Test match at Johannesburg ended in a draw yesterday. The M.C.C., with a lead of 32 runs after the first innings, declared their second knock at 291 for four wickets and the South Africans, facing a score of 323, had made 108 for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn.

Eddie Paynter, the Lancashire left-hander, who made 117 in the M.C.C. first innings, scored 100 in the second, thus becoming the third Englishman to score a century in each innings in Test matches against South Africa.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28. The weather was sunny when the game was resumed to-day on a wicket which was worn and had patches at both ends. There was only a sprinkling of spectators. Paynter took two fairs in succession from Langton and reached 51 in 77 minutes, his tally including seven fours. Both batsmen were aggressive and their innings were marked by powerful driving. The 150 appeared in 149 minutes. Gibb brought up his century in 184 minutes, including seven fours, but six runs later he was beaten completely by Dalton. His batting had been a judicious blend of aggression and defence. Hammond joined Paynter and the pair continued until lunch when the score was two for 223, Paynter being 82 and Hammond 13. After lunch the crowd grew to over 1,000 and watched Hammond in aggressive mood. He scored 30 in 20 minutes and brought up the 250 in 224 minutes. Paynter reached his century in 189 minutes, including 10 fours, and became the third Englishman to score a century in each innings of a test against South Africa. A. C. Russell and Sutcliffe were the others.

Hammond brought up his 50 in 19 minutes but Paynter did not pass his 100, sending a skier to Langton at mid-on off Gordon. Ames joined Hammond at three for 281 but only 10 runs had been added when Hammond put his feet in front of a straight one from Dalton and was out for 50. Hammond then declared with four down for 231, leaving South Africa with 324 to score to win. Hammond scored his runs in 63 minutes and made some beautiful drives. He hit five fours. The South Africans opened with Mitchell and Van Der Byl again and were taking no chances. Stonewalling tactics were adopted, and with this policy continuing throughout the afternoon, a draw became inevitable. At 07, Van Der Byl's off-stump was disturbed by Hammond in the English captain's first over. He had scored 38, made in 130 minutes, his chief scoring strokes being three fours and a six. Mitchell and Nourse continued sedately and took the score to 108 without further loss when stumps were drawn. Mitchell's contribution was 48 and Nourse's 17. Mitchell battled for 160 minutes and hit five boundaries. Scores:

M.C.C.		422
1st Innings	SOUTH AFRICA—1ST INNS.	
B. Mitchell, b Farnes	73	
P. Van Der Byl, b Verity	4	
A. Melville, c and b Verity	4	
A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard	73	
N. C. Gordon, st Ames, b Goddard	0	
W. Wade, b Goddard	0	
K. Viljoen, b Wilkinson	50	
E. I. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity	102	
G. Bond, b.w., b Wilkinson	0	
A. B. C. Langton, not out	64	
E. Q. Nourse, b Verity	0	
Extras	24	
Total	390	
Bowling Analysis		
O.	M.	R.
Farnes	23	1
Edrich	0	7
Verity	16	17
Goddard	11	3
Wilkinson	8	3
Hammond	6	3
Dalton	6	5

Edrich	9	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	10	61	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3
M.C.C.—2ND INNS.				
Edrich, c Mitchell, b Gordon	10			
Gibb, b Dalton	106			
Paynter, c Langton, b Gordon	100			
W. R. Hammond, b.w., b Dalton	58			
Ames, not out	3			
Extras	14			
Total (for 4 wks. decid.)	291			
Bowling Analysis				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Davies	14	2	87	0
Langton	16	3	64	0
Mitchell	11	1	58	0
Gordon	14	0	59	2
Dalton	6.5	0	29	2

SOUTH AFRICA—2ND INNS.				
Mitchell, not out	48			
Van Der Byl, b Hammond	38			
Nourse, not out	5			
Extras	17			
Total (for 1 wkt.)	108			
BOWLING ANALYSIS				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Farnes	7	3	17	0
Edrich	3	0	7	0
Verity	16	0	17	0
Goddard	11	3	31	0
Wilkinson	8	3	18	0
Hammond	6	3	13	1

DALTON DROPPED
Johannesburg, Dec. 28. E. L. Dalton, whose century in the first test was largely responsible for putting South Africa out of its plight, has been dropped from the second test team to meet the M.C.C. at Capetown on Saturday. Bond has also been omitted, the vacancies being filled by Balnaskis and Rowan. The team is—A. Melville, D. Mitchell, A. B. C. Langton, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, A. D. Nourse, P. Van Der Byl, E. W. Davies, K. Balnaskis, No. Gordon, F. A. Rowan.—Reuter.

ANOTHER CHANGE
Johannesburg, Dec. 28. Another change has been made in the South African team to meet the M.C.C. in the Second Test. K. Viljoen has injured his hand and drops out of the team. His place will be taken by A. W. Briscoe, of Transvaal.—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS
The following will represent the University past students in the annual match against the present students at Potluis on Sunday—Zimmern (capt.) D. J. N. Anderson, J. Barrow, B. V. G. O'Connell, E. L. Gordon, D. Hung, C. W. Lam, A. T. Lee, W. H. Rine, F. R. Zimmern, J. L. Youngs. Scores: B. C. Ho. The following will represent the Club against the Navy in the triangular tournament match on Saturday and Monday—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. Beck, J. H. Fox, J. Hiley, N. D. Lloyd, G. Longfield, D. McEllen, J. L. C. Pearce, T. A. Pearce, A. E. Perry, L. E. Ride. The following will represent Combined Schools against University at Potluis on Friday—D. Gray, J. Fisher, P. J. Ley, D. Hutchinson (D.B.S.), J. and G. Gosno (Le Salley), F. Lockhart, N. Smith, W. D. Pryde, C. Butler (C.B.S.), W. Mulcahy, Revere, G. Kew (D.B.S.).



Paynter he scored a century in each innings.

Home Football

Motherwell Win Away Encounter

London, Dec. 28. Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish Football League were decided to-day, results being as follows: Albion 3 Ayr U. 3 Kilmarnock 1 Motherwell 3.—Reuter.

LYNCH TO TRAIN IN MONASTERY

London, Dec. 4. Benny Lynch, former fly-weight champion, in another desperate bid to come back, sails to Ireland to-day to train in the company of silent Cistercian monks in the Famous Mount Mellerey Monastery, in Co. Waterford. His wife told the "Sunday Dispatch" last night: "This opportunity of going to Ireland to get away from his old ties is a Heaven-sent chance for Benny."

"I think he has realised that unless he gets right down to the task of getting fit the future will be pretty dark for us all." Mr. George Dingley, the Scottish boxing promoter, said: "It's up to Benny and no one else. He can get himself properly fit again, and if he does so I can make £20,000 for him in the next two or three years." Lynch has received a letter from Mr. A. L. Elvin, the Wembley Stadium promoter, wishing him luck and promising him matches when he is fit for a come-back.

VOWS
The monks of Mount Mellerey Abbey live a rigorous life under strict discipline and stern self-control. They are bound by a vow of perpetual silence from which only the guest master and lay brothers are absolved. Another Glasgow boxer, Johnny McGrory, British feather-weight champion, suggested the idea to Lynch.

Lawn Tennis

Miss Stammers Unable To Go To S. Africa

London, Nov. 23. Miss Kay Stammers has had to decline the invitation to join the British team to tour South Africa this winter. She informed the L.T.A. of her decision yesterday.

The reason is that Miss Stammers cannot spare the time from business. "Kay is very disappointed," said her mother, "but the tour is such a long one that she could not possibly spare the time. She is in business with a London firm, and, as it happens, her busiest time comes just after Christmas, so she has had no alternative but to decline."

"It must be remembered that she has only just returned from a long stay in America."

The team for South Africa is due to leave at the end of next month.

FRIENDLY RUGBY

The Club "A" Rugby XV defeated the Army "A" team by 20 to 3 at the Club ground yesterday. After a solitary Army try, the following scored for the Club: Chudwick 3 tries, Wilson 2 tries, Nelson 1 try (Slurk converting one). The score at half-time was 8-3.

FRENCH CONSULAR POSTS

French consular changes notified to take place shortly, include an exchange of posts between M. Leurgan, Consul General at Harbin, and M. Blondeau, Consul at Hankow. M. Leurgan will be remembered as Consul General in Hongkong two years ago.

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WIN FOR REDSHANK

In Sweepstake Race Held By Yacht Club

Redshank was first in the sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 0.4 miles, the yachts starting at 14.45. Results:

	Finished	Conrd Pos.
Redshank	17.01.03	10.51.41
(E. T. Stanley)		
Eve	17.02.00	10.52.30
(E. Bader)		
La Linda	17.02.07	10.52.43
(Mrs. M. L. Johnston)		
Painted Lady	17.02.50	10.53.06
(M. T. L. Wilkinson)		
Neroid H	17.02.04	10.54.28
(C. B. Barry)		
Maureen	17.04.05	10.54.41
(H. Lawley)		
Jean	17.04.20	10.54.56
(C. C. G. G. G. G.)		
Gull	17.04.21	10.54.57
(A. O. G. Mills)		
Colleen	17.05.00	10.55.00
(G. J. Tarr)		
Artemis	17.05.43	10.55.10
(S. Berr)		
Kittiwake	17.05.53	10.55.31
(Miss P. M. King)		
Ariel	17.06.00	10.55.32
(Drew Wilkinson)		

EXHIBITION TENNIS

Filipinos To Play At Kowloon To-day

Leonardo Gavia and Armado Sanchez, winner and runner-up of the Philippines tennis championship, will appear in exhibition matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day at 2.30 p.m. They arrived yesterday on the Potsdam. Players selected to play against the visitors are the Thai brothers, George Chao, Sesto Dick and A. E. P. Guest.

PRETTY FASHIONS FOR BIG SISTER

She can make these
frocks herself

WHEN I was fourteen I wanted to look like my mother. I could not understand why this, that and the other style were too old for me. Most mothers find that daughters of this age either do not care what they look like or want to imitate too closely an elder sister. If you want her to look nice, encourage your daughter to take an interest in her clothes, and she will learn to choose wisely, and if she likes sewing it is going to save her money later on if she can make her own frocks.

Sketched here are three pocket edition fashions for girls from fourteen to sixteen.

Practical and Pretty

Young girls' clothes should be simple and sensible, but at the same time attractive. These designs are planned on practical lines, and are so easy to make that Miss Fourteen can make them herself with a little help.

At the top left, No. 1214, is a little peasant dress that can be made in velvet or brightly coloured wool fabric with an attractive braid finish to bodice and pockets. You could trim the silk blouse with a few gay posies of flowers in busy daisy stitch.

My second choice for daughter is a little woollen dress, No. 1215, cut with a yoked top, long sleeves and a plain, well-cut skirt. I advise a cheerful colour for this dress, say, a light navy, copper beech, or cherry red.

Velvet for Parties

A pretty frock for small parties is shown in the third sketch, No. 1216. A little gathered bodice to give ease to the figure and the same gathering repeated on the sleeve. Carried out in velvet this will give her a nice warm frock for the entire winter.

Finish dress with a narrow belt or three different tones of narrow ribbon which should be left long at side.



Pretty blouse with frills at neck and sleeves is worn under a becoming peasant dress.



Gathering on bodice and sleeves and a fly-away sash add charm to a velvet dress. The belted frock, with yoke and neat collar, looks well in check wool or tweed.

Braid Enlivens Black Crepe



Gold braid embroidery studded with the topaz-coloured stones forms the patterns of an elaborate necklace on this high-necked gown of black rayon crepe. Rows of shirring hold the fullness of the wide giraffe and sleeves. The puff sleeves are set in high on the shoulders.

Try A Hot Salad

SOME cold day try a hot salad, either alone with bread and butter, or as an accompaniment to hot or cold meat. It is excellent with meat pies and re-cooked meat dishes, such as shepherd's pie.

To make it, steam six medium-sized potatoes in their jackets. Let them cool, then skin them, cut them into thin slices and arrange them in the bottom of a fire-proof dish. Sea-

son with pepper to taste, sprinkle over half a cupful of minced cooked celery and two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley.

Heat together two tablespoonfuls of tarragon vinegar, two tablespoonfuls of wine vinegar and a slice of lemon. Remove the lemon and strain the liquid over the salad. If preferred it can be omitted and the salad served neat or with any sauce desired. Heat through in a slow oven and serve at once, piping hot.

Slices of tomatoes or cooked Brussels sprouts make a pleasant addition. Croutons of toast, soaked in a little gravy, soup, or stock can take the place of potatoes for a change.

Room Plants In Winter

PLANTS that are kept in a room need more care in winter than in summer, as the atmosphere indoors is often hot and dry. Artificial heat of any description tends to create a dry atmosphere, which is detrimental to growing plants. The dryness can be overcome by spraying occasionally overhead, and an ordinary clean scent spray filled with tepid water will answer the purpose.

The question often arises about the watering of room plants. Cold water from the tap should never be given, as this checks their growth. Wait until the soil in the pot is dry, then give it a good soaking in tepid water.

A plant's particular position in a room has a direct bearing on its health. If its foliage is jammed against the window-pane, it will be subject to draughts. Its growth in that direction will be impaired and its foliage spilt.

The leaves of palms and any plants with large foliage should be sponged once a week. Those with softer foliage, such as ferns, need an occasional complete immersion in tepid water. A plant breathes through its leaves, and this bath dislodges the dust that collects.

Give your plants plenty of room to breathe, and air the room thoroughly.

On sunny days, put them on a table by the open window for an hour or so, as they need all the sun available at this time of the year.

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WHAT IS BEAUTY?

IF you asked a dozen, or even more, people exactly what feminine beauty is, I have no doubt that they would hear a dozen or more different definitions. The reason for this is that there are so many things which go to the making of a beautiful woman. It is impossible to say that beauty is any one thing. Anyway, here are some of the things which obviously go to produce beauty.

I don't want to say much about the importance of grooming and dress because that is universally understood. The loveliest of features and the most potential allure would be completely disguised by a grumpy complexion, unkempt hair, and dishevelled clothes. But even if she has physically qualified with success for the beauty degree, a woman's work is by no means done.

Of the many things which go to make beauty, expression is one of the most important. Many a time one can see two faces which, physically, may be called equally lovely, yet there is a world of difference in their actual attraction, the reason being that one looks ordinary while the other looks full of character.

Character Revealed in Expression

When speaking of expression, I do not merely mean that one must bear a smiling, or a serious, or a thoughtful, or any other superficial look. What I refer to is something much more subtle than that. I mean the general character which is stamped on the face and which no amount of casual and fleeting expressions can destroy. And faces do get stamped with character. No matter how careful one is to disguise one's feelings, inner emotions definitely transfer their mark to the face. The only way, therefore, to acquire a lovely facial mein is to regulate one's thoughts accordingly.

Things like spite, unjust thoughts, cunning and so on, should, as far as possible, be kept out of one's mental operation. A warm but firm temperament is what one should aim at; deep thoughts and interests, instead of shallow ones; quiet confidence instead of either abjectness or bravado. All this would inevitably stamp itself on the face, resulting in an arresting, and likeable expression.

Another essential attribute of beauty is poise. No woman, how-

ever charming physically, can lay genuine claim to beauty if she behaves without dignity, if she litters inanely, if she is always being "caught out" and being made a fool of or if she sits or walks in an ugly manner. Unrestrained poise is an integral part of beauty.

And here is a special tip which a particularly attractive woman gave me. Carry a little nonchalance with you. Think to yourself that, although you love the world and its inhabitants, you are nevertheless not prepared to kow-tow to anybody or anything. You are an individual yourself, and you intend to remain one, with your own ideas and principles and likes and dislikes. Though you respect others' opinions, your own actions are not affected unduly by the edicts of others.

Carriage and Voice

I mentioned walking earlier, but it deserves more than a mention. Graceful walking, and sitting, too, are an indispensable part of beauty. You need not do it as if you are either a robot, or a drill sergeant, or a mannequin. Exaggeration looks ridiculous, not beautiful. But have a quiet, inconspicuous grace.

Further, no woman can possibly be beautiful if her voice is ugly. This, as a matter of fact, should come near the head of beauty attributes. Many an illusion may be dispelled and, on the other hand, many a favourable impression may be created by the opening of a mouth!

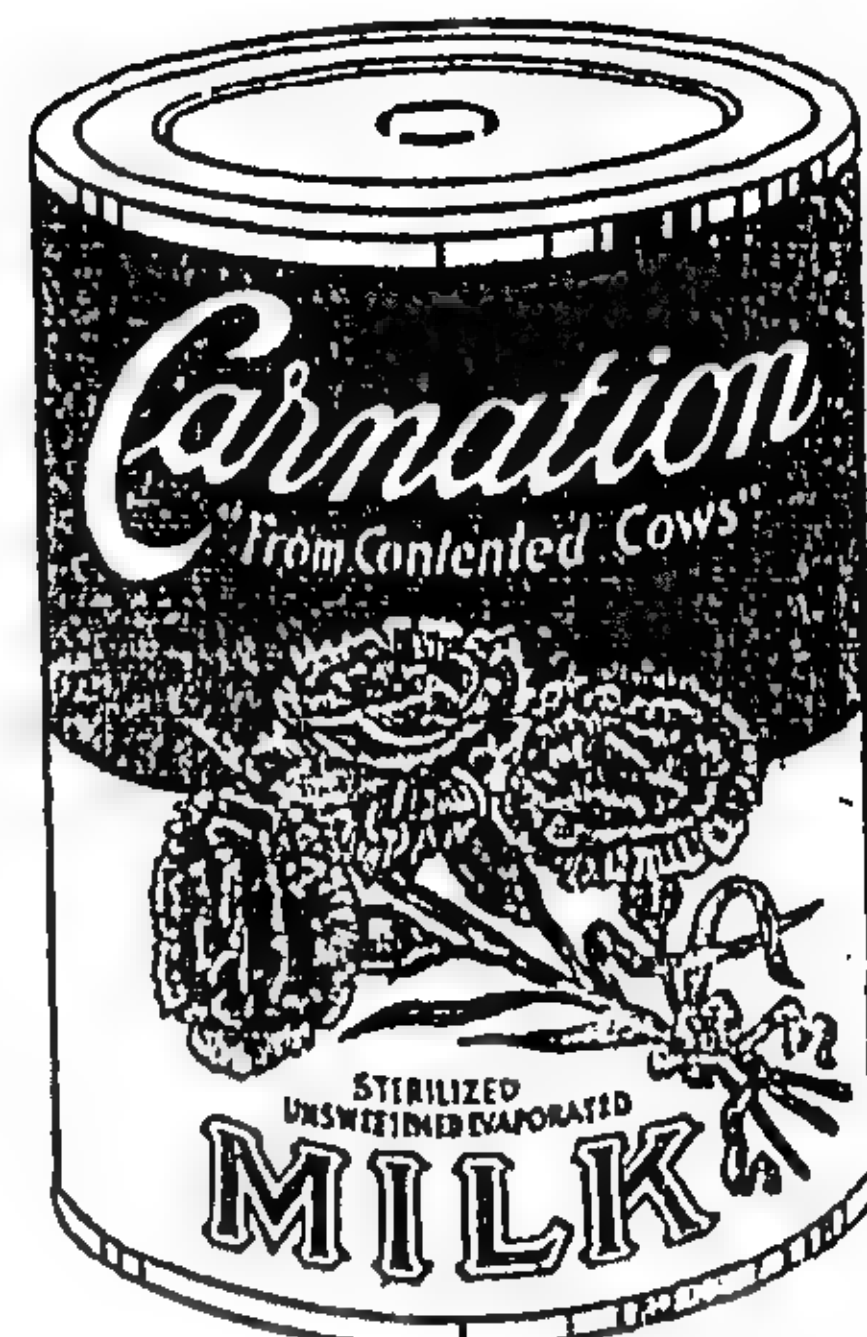
Pronounce your words correctly, do shape your lips when speaking. Instead of only using your jaws and opening your mouth too wide, and, above all, speak in moderate tones and don't screech.

Other things which will help you to create the impression of beauty are the ability to make interesting conversation and the capacity to be witty.

No doubt you will say that all this is rather a tall order, but it is much easier than you think. If you get into the habit of following these principles, they will very soon become second nature, and you will find yourself practising them without having to give a single thought to them, just as you practise breathing.

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Too Many Babies At This Show

POLICE reinforcements were called to a baby show at St. Stephen's Church Hall, Upton Park, E., recently, to control the crowd of mothers who brought their children to be judged. Two or three hundred babies were expected. Actually about 1,500 were brought. Here is part of the crowd waiting outside the gates.



Directly connected with the first and last acts of the Great War, Mr. E. D. Thomas, of Brighton (right), a commissionaire of Brighton, and Mr. F. H. Pennington, of Hove, met for the first time when it was arranged that they should broadcast together. They had been living within a mile of each other for some time. Mr. Thomas fired the first shot at the beginning of the war, and Mr. Pennington dispatched the "Cease fire" telegram at the end.

Tribute to Fallen Comrades



Lifeguardsmen who formed a guard of honour at a wedding at St. Margaret's, Westminster, recently, afterwards went to the Field of Remembrance and planted crosses to the memory of fallen comrades.

RUFFLED FEATHERS

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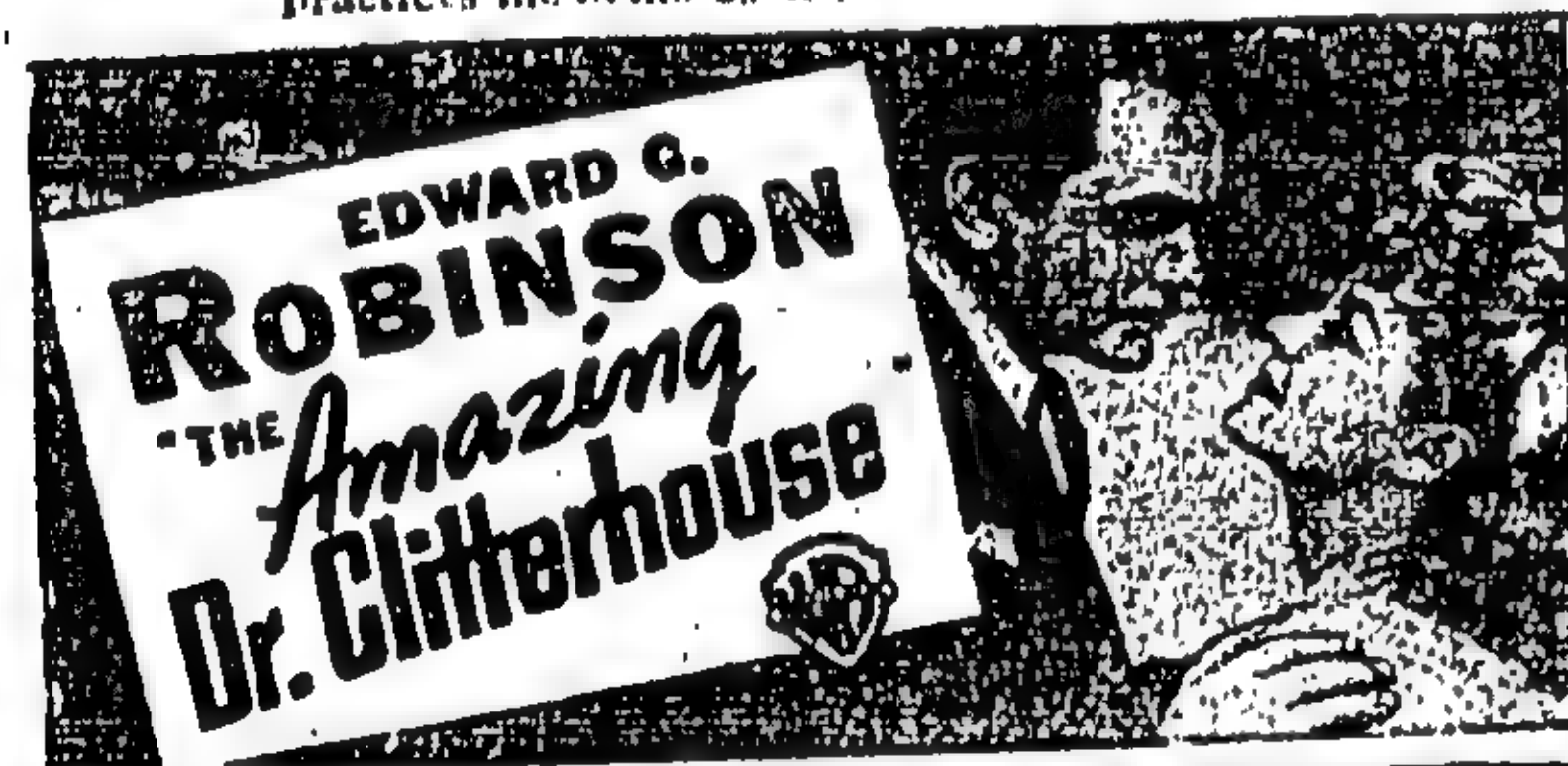
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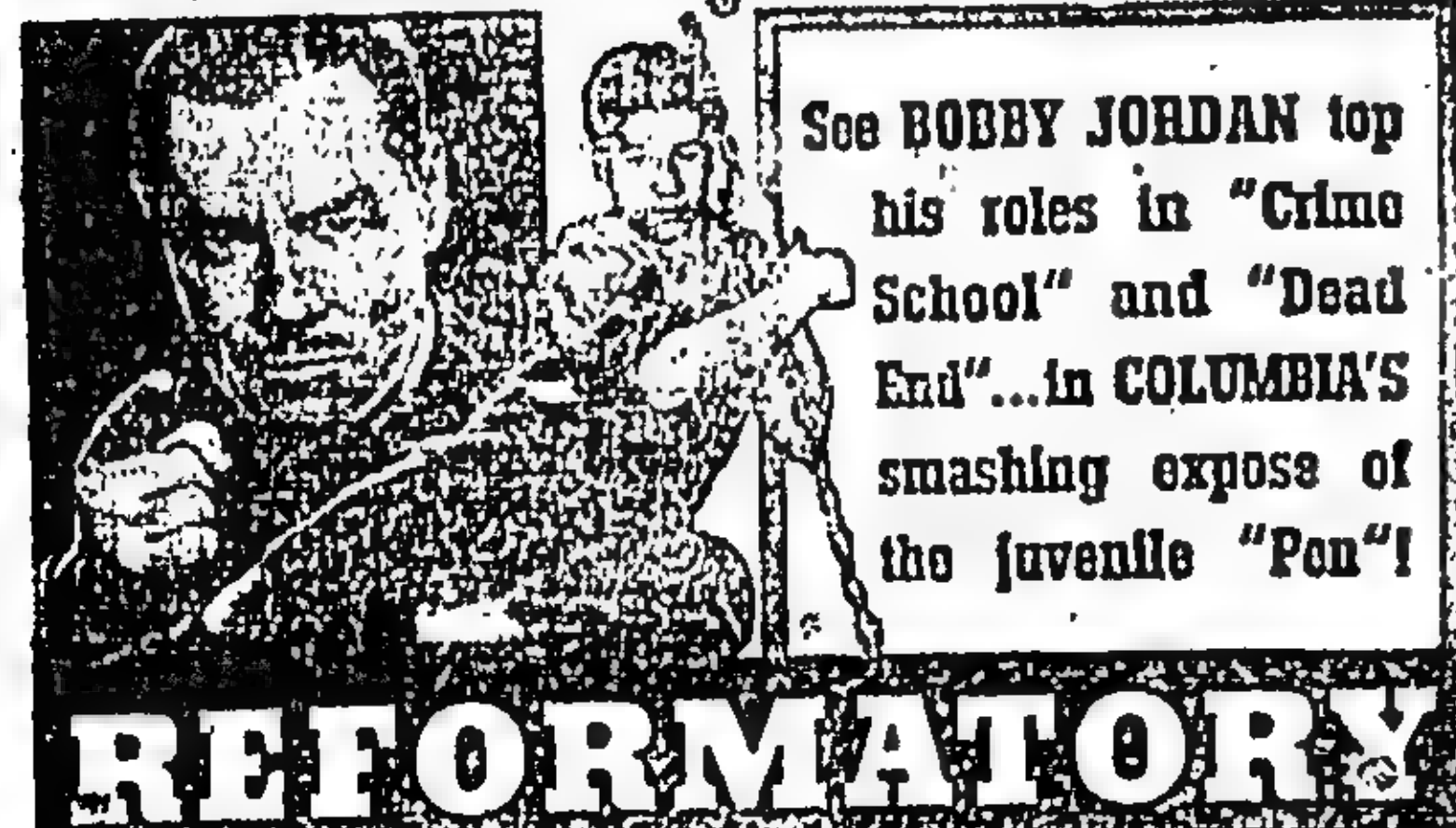


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Bitter Attack On Vatican

BERLIN, Dec. 28.
A BITTER ATTACK on the Vatican is made by Dr. Josef Goebbels' organ the "Angriff," presumably as a tardy answer to the Pope's recent criticism of the totalitarian doctrine.

It accuses the Vatican of occupying itself solely with the Jewish question to the extent of giving the impression that there is complete popularity between Jewry and the Christian church.

It reverts to the situation in Palestine, and blames the Pope for failure to protest against the "wild and cruel war which severely harms the moral credit of Christianity in the Arab world."—Reuter.

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For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 30; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 3.

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For France via Hanol: Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 31.

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From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Dec. 31; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 4.

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From France, via Hanol: Air France 12.30 p.m. December 29.

CHIANG REJECTS TOKYO PEACE TERMS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.
JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS, which included, besides those contained in the statement by Prince Konoye on December 22, the granting to Japan of the right to station troops at specific points in China as long as the proposed anti-Comintern pact remained in force, and the right to domicile all parts of China for the Japanese, were more extensive and stiffer than those presented to China before the outbreak of the hostilities, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day.

He added: "If the earlier terms were unacceptable to China, how can the country, after 18 months of fighting and suffering, accept the present demands? What have we been fighting for?"

He emphasised that China cannot accept any terms which violate her territorial or administrative integrity, or which are contrary to the League Covenant or the Nine-Power Treaty.

It was stated to-day that Chinese casualties since the beginning of the hostilities are estimated at 850,000 of which 300,000 have been killed. Japanese casualties are estimated at 650,000.—Reuter.

Revised Tariffs In N. China

Peking, Dec. 28.
It is predicted that the revision of tariffs in the Japanese-occupied areas of China will not come into force on January 1 as expected.

A Tientsin newspaper, regarded as the mouthpiece of the Japanese military authorities, states that tariff changes will be announced as soon as an agreement has been reached between the Provisional and Reformed governments at Peking and Nanking.

The changes are expected in the spring, when duties, especially those affecting luxuries, will be greatly increased.—Reuter.

Jamaica Committee Issues Report

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 28.
The two commissions appointed to investigate respectively the island-wide disturbances in May and June, and the riots on the Famine sugar estate in May, have reported to the Governor.

The report of the first commission shows that in the island disturbances, eight people were killed and 32 wounded, while 745 were arrested. None of the Crown forces was killed, but 109 were injured.

The commission criticises the behaviour of some of the special constables, and suggests that the police force should be increased. The commission on the Famine riots, in which four persons were killed and 13 injured as a result of the police firing at the demonstrators who were throwing stones, suggests that the police should use tear gas, rather than rifles, and considers a Labour Department a pressing necessity.—Reuter.

9 Million Jobless In United States

New York, Dec. 28.
The number of unemployed in the United States during November totalled 9,211,000, compared with 9,095,000 in October, and 7,751,000 a year ago.

These figures are issued to-day by the National Industrial Conference Board.—Reuter.

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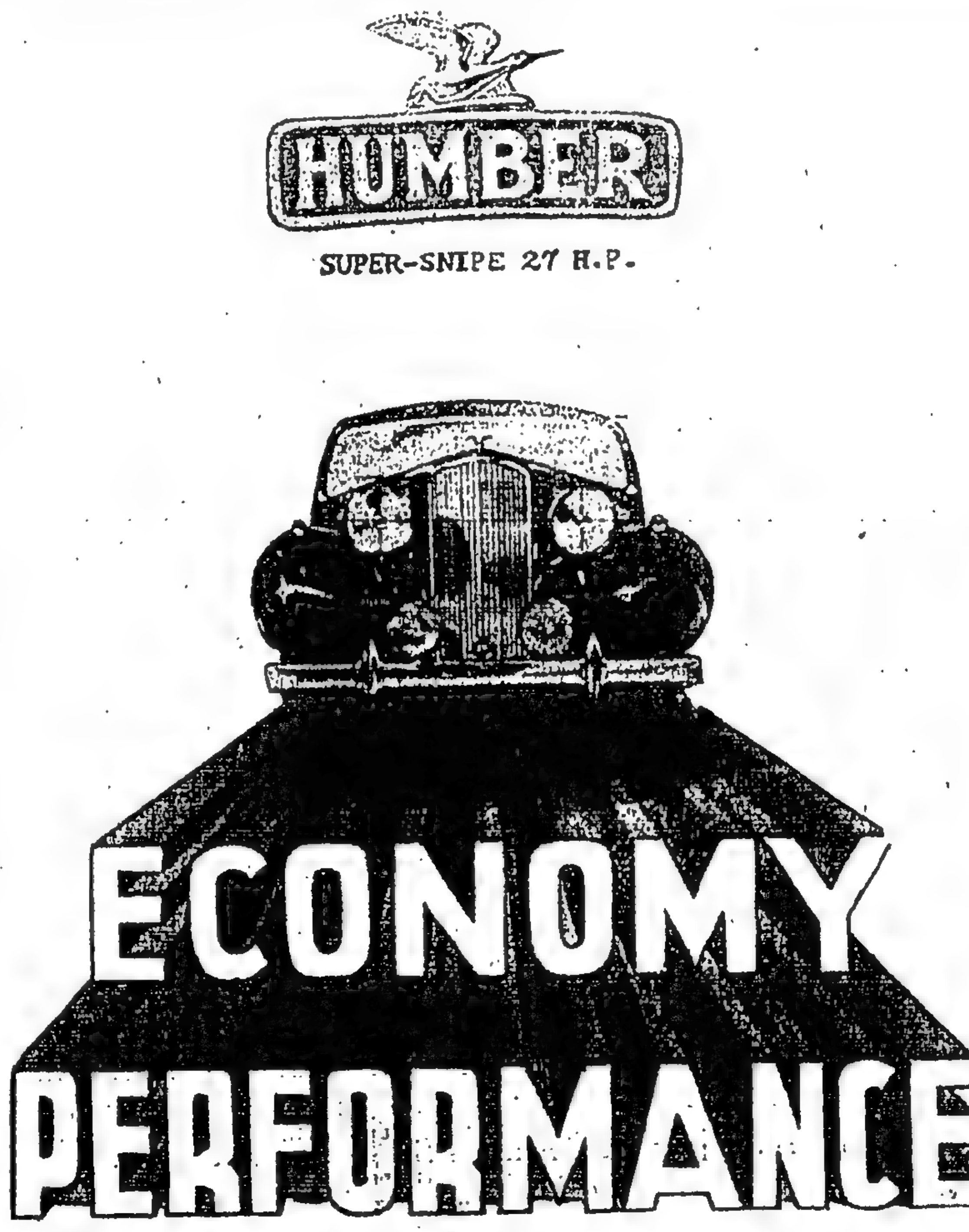
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I.L.K. OFFICIAL'S HEALTH SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Word has been received in Hong Kong of a gratifying improvement in the health of Mr. T. W. H. Ho, held up as usual next Thursday afternoon.

Concern was felt by his friends when Mr. Ho's condition was considered. Master put forward, and the news that he is enjoying better health will have his leave his Deputy Harbour be welcomed.

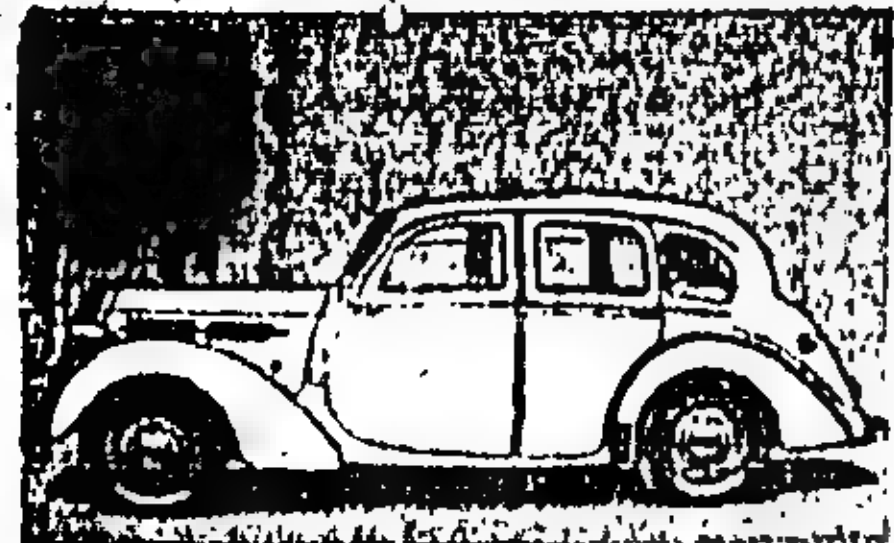
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MUSSOLINI TO DEMAND 4 MAJOR CONCESSIONS

Britain Will Be Asked To Help

ROME, Dec. 29.
SOURCES CLOSED
to French diplomatic
circles here declare that
Signor Mussolini intends
to ask Mr. Neville
Chamberlain, during
the latter's visit to Rome
next month, to use his
good offices to obtain
four major concessions
from France.

These concessions are
designed to satisfy Italy's
"national aspirations." Only
their concession will
prevent the possibility of a
Franco-Italian conflict.

Italy's four-point demands are
believed to be:

a wide measure of autonomy for
Italians residing in Tunisia;
permission for Italians to emigrate
freely to Tunisia, and to buy
and exploit lands which have not
been cultivated;

cession by France to Italy of the
part of Djibouti and the sale to
Italy of French shares in the
Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway; and
active Italian participation in the
management of the Suez Canal.

It is reliably learned from London,
however, that Mr. Chamberlain will
make no attempt to mediate in the
Franco-Italian dispute.

Great Britain, it is believed, will
not press France to make
any concessions to Italy.

FRENCH POSITION MADE CLEAR

London, Dec. 28.

Reliable sources say that, as a result
of the recent exchange of French
and British views, the French Government
has made it quite clear that
they intended to deal directly with
the Italians.

It is understood that Britain has
fully approved.
Consequently Mr. Chamberlain is
expected to concentrate on securing
withdrawal of Italian troops from
Spain, which the British consider is
the only means of putting Franco-
Italian, as well as Anglo-Italian
relations on a solid basis.

FRENCH TROOPS MOVE

Paris, Dec. 28.

The Minister of Colonies has confirmed
the fact that a battalion of
Senegalese colonial infantry has been
ordered to sail for Djibouti from
Marseilles, next Friday.

At present, a battalion is slightly
less than 1,000 troops.—United Press.

Girl's New Nose Made From Rib

Belfast.

WHEN bandages are removed
from her face, 18-years-old
Josephine Glasser, who is in the
Mater Hospital here, will look
into a mirror to see her new
nose—made of a piece of her rib
and of skin from her arm.

Her nose was disfigured 16 years
ago, when she had a fall.

For years she sorrowed about her
appearance and took no part in the
games of her friends—avoided
parties, dances, and picnics.

At last a family conference was
held and the operation to give her a
new nose was arranged.

The operation has been successful.

Her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Gargarn,
said:

"A woman thinks of her appearance
first, last and all the time. Now,
we hope, Josie will be able to look
in the mirror and feel happy."



LIEUT. J. R. COX, Executive Officer of H.M.S. Cockchafer, photographed
with Japanese Army officers behind the Japanese lines on Lushan after
he had escorted the 41 foreigners stranded in Kuling safely through
the Chinese and Japanese lines.

WANG CHING-WEI COMING TO COLONY

CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS that Mr. Wang
Ching-wei, Chairman of the Central Political Council,
is en route to Hongkong was given by Mr. Chen
Kung-po, former Minister of Industry in the Chinese
Government, when he arrived from Hanoi by Air France
plane this morning.

Mr. Chen Kung-po was met at
Kai Tak Airport by several
prominent Chinese citizens of
Hongkong.

In an exclusive interview, he
informed the "Telegraph" that he
and came to Hongkong to confer with
Mr. Wang Ching-wei whom, he
revealed, was already en route to the
Colony by steamer.

Mr. Lum Be-sung, former Editor
of the Central Daily News, which is
owned by Mr. Wang, is also in
Hongkong to meet the Chairman of
the C.P.C., Mr. Chen revealed.

Mr. Chen refused to comment on
reports that there had been differences
between Generalissimo Chiang
Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

"I have not seen Mr. Wang Ching-wei
since December 2, and am not in a
position to say what has happened,"
he said.

Mr. Chen refused to discuss any
rumours concerning Wang Ching-wei.

PROCEEDING TO EUROPE?

"I understand, Mr. Wang is proceeding
from Hongkong to Europe
on a mission for the Chinese
Government. I would not take too
much notice of any rumours that
are floating about," he said.

Mr. Chen Kung-po is one of the
best known younger leaders of the
Kuomintang Left Wing, and has given
unswerving loyalty to Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek and the nation.

Last year he donated \$4,117 his
total salary for eight months to swell
China's war chest.

He is General Manager of the
Shanghai Commercial Savings Bank,
and gained world-wide fame when
he concluded a Sino-American silver-
purchasing agreement on behalf of
the National Government with Mr.
Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of
the Treasury, in 1936.

Last December, Mr. Chen led the
"secret mission" party which flew by
Pan-American Airways Clipper from
Hongkong to San Francisco to negotiate
on behalf of China for a loan.

The aftermath of this visit is
believed to have been the decision of
the United States, last month, to
grant a preliminary "credit" of
U.S.\$20,000,000 to China.

JAPANESE LIBERAL LEADERS IN PURGE

VIOLATION OF the Peace Maintenance Law has cost
five leaders of the Popular Front in Japan their freedom,
according to a "Domei" message this morning.
They include Kin Yamakawa, the noted critic.
Japan's purge of its leading liberals has even extended
to the Diet, and two members of the House of Representatives,
Kanji Katoh and Hisan Kuroda, have been indicted.
They are alleged to have intrigued with the Proletarian
Party.

NAZIS 'BRUTAL' BRITISH

ON ORDERS from Dr.
Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda,
who, London
newspapers state, first con-
sulted Hitler, the German
Press has launched a
unanimous and bitter attack
on British administration of
colonies and mandates.

Screaming headlines brand
British measures in the Near
and Middle East as "inhuman,"
"Barbarous," "brutal," and
"bloody," while editorials de-
mand that Britain should not
interfere in German affairs.

Berlin newspapers lead the attack,
but the propaganda is also dis-
seminated to the far corners of the
world, firstly by radio propaganda
from the German short-wave stations
at Zeppen, and secondly by German
news agencies.

Last Saturday the "Telegraph" re-
vealed a typical message received for
publication from the Trans-Ocean
News Agency.

In this instance the allegations
proved so slanderous that the British
War Office officially issued a denial.
It being emphatically stated that
there was no truth whatever in the
allegations.

This morning, the Trans-Ocean
Agency turned its attention to
Cyprus, where "great dissatisfaction
is being felt among the in-
habitants with British adminis-
tration."

"The popular press presents British ad-
ministrative methods as savouring
unpleasantly of dictatorship," is one
of the gems contained in the German
agency's message.

"Trans-Ocean," continuing, draws
attention to the "press gag" in
Cyprus, which is "particularly
resented" by the populace.

The German Agency quotes the
London "Daily Telegraph" as stating
that anti-British feeling is growing
throughout Cyprus as a result of the
stifling of any expression of public
opinion.

Meanwhile, these are some of the
(Continued on Page 7.)

Puppets Will Boycott Jews

TIENTSIN, Dec. 29.

Chinese administrations sponsored
by the Japanese are taking steps to
prevent Jews from entering Shang-
hai and other parts of China, ac-
cording to the Yung Pao, Japanese Army
organ.

"Most Jews are Communists, and
must not be allowed into China," the
report states.—United Press.

WOLVES ATTACK TOWN 4 Peasants Die In Strange War

ONE OF THE MOST amazing battles in history has just
been fought in Brusturi, a village in Rumania, according to a
Reuter Special message.

The village was attacked yesterday
morning by several packs of famished
wolves.

The entire populace of the village
fought for several hours with axes,
picks and spades. Even knives were
used by some of the villagers when
the wolves sprang to close quarters.

Women and children as well as
men battled with the famished dogs.
Remarkable though it may seem,
no less than four peasants were killed
in the encounter.

When the packs dispersed, they left
fourteen bodies on the blood-stained
and trampled snow in the village
street.

The wolves are in such a starving
condition that they are fighting each
other in cannibalistic battle in the
mountains.

KWANGTUNG BATTLE: JAPANESE WITHDRAW FROM TSENGSHING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29.
WHILE GENERAL SUGIYAMA, Japanese War
Chief in Shanghai, was telling foreign war correspond-
ents that fighting in China had ended, Japanese soldiers
in Kwangtung were withdrawing across the Tseng River
from Tsengshing, which they have occupied since early
in November.

The Chinese are now in
control of the East Bank of
the river, and, it is believed,
will shortly occupy Tseng-
shing.

On the West River the
Japanese are maintaining
their positions in the
vicinity of Samshui only by
the use of artillery, which
has so far prevented
Chinese attempts to cross
the River.

Meanwhile, on the northern
front, Chinese vanguards are
now at Nantsinkang, only two
miles from Yoyang.

The Chinese are facing the
depleted Japanese garrison at
Yoyang across the Yung Lake,
and are exerting considerable
pressure.

Feeler thrusts by Japanese troops
on the north bank of the Siu River
during the last two days have met
with some success. On Tuesday the
Japanese burned down all the villages
around Klutsin on the north bank and
heavily bombarded the Chinese posi-
tions across the river.

On Wednesday morning they
resumed the bombardment. More
than 100 shells were fired and under
the barrage a party of about 100
Japanese tried to cross the river.
They were repelled by the Chinese
defenders on the south bank.

Japanese reports claim that the
Japanese mopping-up campaign in the
mountainous area between the
Fen River and the Yellow River is
making steady progress.

The Japanese press are pushing
their siege from three directions,
north, east and south.

Three detachments of Japanese
troops started from Sangling on the
west bank of the Fen River and
advancing westward along the high-
(Continued on Page 4.)

SILENCE FOLLOWS S.O.S. RADIO APPEAL

WARSAW, Dec. 29.

"S.O.S. . . . S.O.S. . . . We Are Going Down."
From the icy cold waters of the Baltic Sea, this message in
Morse code, sent from the German freighter Funkerbrunt at 10
o'clock last night climaxed a drama of six hours.

JAPANESE TRADE DROPS

TOKYO, Dec. 29.

JAPAN IS FEELING the pinch
of economic boycott through-
out the world, which has result-
ed in her exports dropping to
new low levels, and of financial
stringency at home, which has
also considerably decreased her
imports.

During the period from January 1
to December 25, imports of raw
cotton decreased in value by 423
million yen, compared with the
corresponding period last year.

Imports of raw wool have de-
creased in value by 202,000,000 yen,
pulp by 73,000,000 yen, rubber by
48,000,000 yen and timber by 36,000,
000 yen.

Exports show a decrease in cotton
piece goods of 167,000,000 yen, raw
silk has decreased by 44,000,000 yen,
rayon fabrics by 39,000,000 yen and
rayon yarn by 30,000,000 yen.

Although Japan's trade with other
countries has decreased enormously,
her decrease in imports has outweighed
her decrease in exports to such an
extent that, for the first time in
20 years, she has a favourable trade
balance. Exports exceed imports by
\$50,000,000 yen, which compares with
an unfavourable trade balance of
\$848,000,000 yen last year.

City's Freedom For Duke Of Kent

London, Dec. 28.

It was officially announced in
London today that the Duke
and Duchess of Kent will visit the
city on March 9, when the freedom
of the city will be conferred on the
Duke.—British Wireless.

The American President Line an-
nounces that services to Shanghai will
be resumed by the President Fleet,
which leaves San Francisco on Decem-
ber 30.

Ten Degrees Variation In Temperature

There was a variation of ten de-
grees in the temperature during the
past 24 hours, ending at 10 o'clock
this morning, the maximum being
65, and the minimum 55.

At 10 a.m. to-day the thermometer
was as low as 50, with humidity
registering 54 per cent.

The Royal Observatory weather
report issued this morning stated
that the anti-cyclone retains its in-
tensity and has extended southward
and eastward, covering China, Indo-
China, southern Japan, and the
neighbouring seas. Pressure con-
tinues to be relatively low over the
East Indies.

Local forecast is:—North-east
winds, fresh; fair.

LATEST £250 Million Deficit Looms

LONDON, Dec. 29.

ALTHOUGH REVENUE for the
year 1938 has reached £482,459,985,
which is £12,647,333 higher than the
corresponding period last year,
Britain is facing a deficit of at least
£250,000,000 for the current year as
a result of increased defence expendi-
ture from revenue.

Revenue, which totals £482,459-
985, compared with £469,812,653 in
the corresponding period of last year,
is already exceeded by expenditure
by £242,497,312. The total expendi-
ture is £724,957,297, compared with
£507,501,914 in the corresponding
period last year—an increase of
£217,455,383.

Most of the increased revenue
comes from income taxation which
has yielded £293,704,000, nearly £10-
000,000 more than at the same period
last year.—British Wireless.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Stock Market Quiet But Steady

London, Dec. 28.

The London Stock Market was
generally quiet, although gilt-edged
securities encountered some provin-
cial demand, while gold minings
were supported from Paris.

Industrials were irregular apart
from iron and steels which were
generally stronger. Oils used at the
outset on Continental offerings, and
subsequently rallied on demand from
the same quarter.

Commodities were quiet, the holiday
on the markets continuing.

Foreign exchanges were quiet
apart from forward dollars, the pre-
miums on which widened owing to
an extension of bull accounts into
the New Year. Wall Street was
steady.—Reuter Special.

LOYALISTS CLAIM INSURGENT DRIVE HALTED AFTER SIX DAYS

Below Zero Weather Stops Franco's Push in Catalana

CERVERA, DEC. 28.
FIRST REPORTS FROM THE FRONT ON THE SIXTH DAY OF THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE INDICATED THAT THE INSURGENTS HAD BEEN THROWN BACK WITH CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES.

Below-zero temperatures continued to hamper the attackers' movements, and the frozen plains impeded armoured car attacks, the cars rolling like hummocks over No-Man's Land.

There is little outwardly noticeable change in the situation behind the lines. With constant air alarms and bombardments the villages are now virtually empty.

According to a Hendaye report 300 insurgent warplanes bombed and machine-gunned the fortified Loyalist base of Artesa de Segre, while Navarrese and Galician columns advanced towards the town in bitter hand-to-hand fighting. Franco's forces are reported to be advancing on the vital town of Alos de Balaguer from the snow-packed Montsech mountains.

The Loyalist Government at Barcelona admitted that a grim struggle is under way on the southern bank of the Segre for possession of Artesa de Segre. The Government stated that 300 German and Italian planes are constantly bombing and machine-gunning the Catalonian fortifications. The Loyalists claim that three planes were brought down by rifle fire.

The Loyalists are heavily out-numbered in the Artesa zone, and are reported to be mobilising additional troops at Barcelona, Falset, Tarragona and Reus, and rushing them to the front in special trains.—United Press.

CATALAN DRIVE

Barcelona, Dec. 28.

An official Loyalist communique admits that the insurgents have advanced slightly in the sector at Solera, north-east of Borjas Blancas and Aspa, but claims that they paid heavily for the advances.

All other reports state that the lines are holding firm under heavy pressure from artillery and tank attacks.

A Saragossa message says that it is officially stated that in the Tremp sector, the insurgents captured the remainder of the Montsech Sierra, including Santa Maria de Meyn, and afterwards advanced south and gained the entire Sierra Hammet.

North of Blaguer, the insurgents captured the villages of Alos de Balaguer and Masana.

Reports from Lower Segre indicate that the insurgents have captured the village of Solera, south of Torrebases, and have reached the outskirts of nearby Albages.

ADVANCE ON ALL SECTORS

Burgos reports state that the insurgents have advanced on all sectors of the Catalan front, and that the offensive continues vigorously. Several kilometres of territory in the northern sector have been seized despite a snowstorm making it difficult to scale the heights over 1,600 metres. Insurgent cavalry mopped-up the left bank of the Ebro as far as the heights and the village of Elix, the bridge of which was used by the Loyalists in the Ebro battle to establish contact between the two banks.

It is reported that 1,500 perished in today's engagement. Early morning reports received at Barcelona from the Tremp sector show that the insurgents, after repeated hammering for five days have slightly improved their positions north of Montsech. They used tanks and infantry and reached the cross-roads.

The Loyalists are immediately preparing for a counter-attack, and are concentrating a company of armoured tanks for the effort. Fighting is still continuing with the insurgents losing heavily in hand-to-hand fighting over a very small frozen hillock, which is being tenaciously contested.

According to a Hendaye message, the first phase of General Franco's "end the war" offensive is completed, and leaders are now preparing a second drive designed to change the map of Catalonia.

TRIANGULAR FRONT

Insurgent despatches claim continued success on the 60-mile front which is gradually shaping itself into a huge triangle, with the apex aimed almost directly at Barcelona.

As the triangle began to take shape, it appeared that the walled town of Cervera, which is almost in the heart of Catalonia, was General Franco's immediate objective.

Despatches also state that the northern wing of Franco's army of 300,000, had swept across the Mont-

sech mountain range, south-east of Tremp and had captured the villages of Balaguer and Masana, and had prepared to attack Artesa de Segre, the so-called gateway to Catalonia.

Franco's southern wing is reported to be only 20 miles from Tarragona on the Mediterranean coast, and 54 miles from Barcelona, but the forces are heading north to join the northern wing, probably at Cervera. The object of the drive apparently is to cut off a large slice of Catalonia territory in a scissors movement, and then to press eastward towards the coast.—United Press.

GERMAN REPORT

Bilbao, Dec. 28.

The Christmas offensive by General Franco has yielded the following results after four days of battle, says an insurgent report.

An advance of 18 miles in depth, 6,721 prisoners, and more than 9,000 Loyalist casualties; 32 Loyalist planes were shot down, and another eight are believed to have been destroyed. The entire region south of Lerida to the Ebro bank near Elix is cleared of Loyalists.

Insurgent infantry is advancing irresistibly. The defence of the Loyalists is weaker than expected, apparently as a result of heavy losses suffered during the Ebro battle.

The insurgent advance is now endangering Loyalist communications on the southern Ebro front, and with regard to Lerida.

The retreat of Loyalist forces there seems to be unavoidable in order to escape from encirclement.—Trans-Ocean.

HUGE INSURGENT GAINS

Burgos, Dec. 28.

The insurgent offensive in Catalonia has so far resulted in the insurgent occupation of 400 square miles of territory, the capture of 7,500 prisoners, and hundreds of tons

YEARS OF STOMACH AGONY

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The story of this woman at 67 will give new hope to thousands of stomach sufferers. "For years," writes Mrs. T. J. W., "I suffered untold agonies. I was afraid to eat and was constantly under the doctor. I was treated for Gastritis, Ulcers, Colic and Indigestion. One day I thought I would give Maclean Brand Stomach Powder a trial, and when I told my doctor I was taking it he said 'keep on with it! I did, and I am thankful to say I am now completely cured and able to eat anything.'"

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THIS IS THE "MOTHER" OF THE Chinese guerillas, Madame Chao Yu-tang, photographed just before she left Hongkong for the South Seas. She is the moving spirit behind thousands of vigilant guerillas operating throughout China.

Italian Princess To Wed Soon

Rome, Dec. 28.

The wedding of the youngest daughter of the King and Queen of Italy, Princess Maria of Savoy, with Prince Louis of Bourbon, will, it is announced, take place on January 15.

The bridegroom, who is 39 years of age, is the son of the late Duke Robert of Parma, by the latter's second marriage. His mother is the Infanta Maria Antonia of Portugal, and one of his sisters is the ex-Empress Zita of Austria.

The bride is 24 years of age.—Trans-Ocean.

of material, together with 30 aeroplanes.

The Loyalists are reported to be moving up battalion after battalion to fill the gaps in their ranks.

In the Seroz zone, the insurgents estimate that a Loyalist army corps must have been, practically wiped out.

Two triangular wedges which the insurgents have thrust into the Loyalist defences in western Catalonia are being driven deeper daily. Already road arteries feeding the Loyalist main defences at Seo-de-urgel, and before the towns of Lerida and Balaguer, are dangerously threatened.

With good weather and easier country, the insurgent forces are driving in a southern wedge with Seroz Fayon as their base. So far they have made very quick progress, but the advance here has somewhat slowed down at the foot of the hills

Workless Ask For More Dole

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The petition addressed to the King on December 23 by unemployed, requesting an increase in the dole by 4s. 6d. a week for adult persons, and 1s. a week for each child, has elicited a purely formal reply that the King has transmitted the petition to the Cabinet for decision.

A letter sent by the representatives of the unemployed to the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, asking him to convene conferences at which the question of increase in unemployment relief could be discussed, has not yet been answered.

In their petition to the King, the workers requested that the dole should be increased before Christmas so as to enable every unemployed Briton to enjoy at least a Christmas meal and to have a warm room, since the temperature outside was considerably below freezing point.—Trans-Ocean.

bordering north Tarragona province. Insurgent forces entered the outskirts of the town of Granadella at midday to-day.

The northern insurgent wedge, with its base between Tremp and the confluence of the Muguera and Segre rivers, is progressing somewhat slowly owing to the mountainous country, while temperatures have been as low as 10 degrees below zero. Nevertheless, the capture at the point of the bayonet of Capella Sierra, an important road junction, has enabled the insurgents to advance between Tremp and Balaguer.—Reuter.

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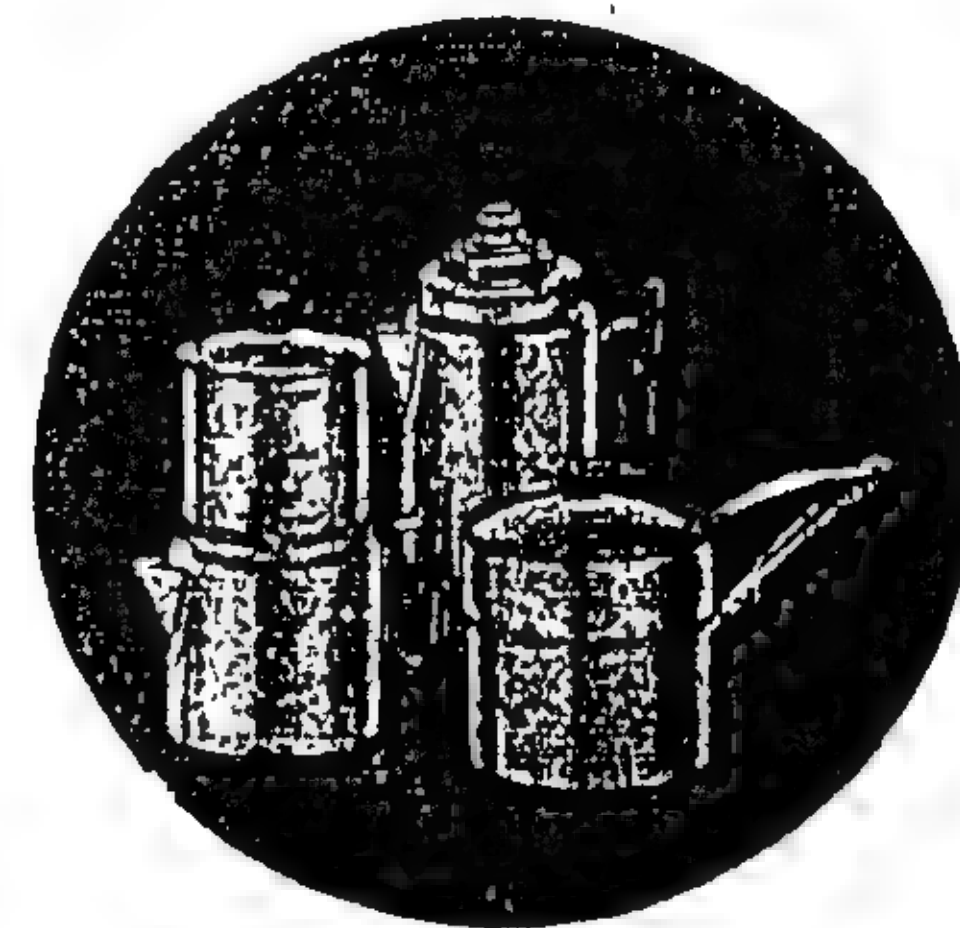
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Britain's 1938 Air Record

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE RECALLED

LONDON, Dec. 28. DURING the year now closing two world record distance flights established Britain's leading place in aeronautical achievement. The float-plane "Mercury", the upper component of the first short-mayo composite aircraft flew non-stop from Dundee to the mouth of the Orange River, a distance of 6,045 miles, beating the previous seaplane distance record by more than 800 miles.

In November the long-range development flight of the R.A.F. accomplished a flight without parallel in the history of aviation. Three of the long-range flight monoplanes—standard service aircraft with minor modifications for journeys of maximum range—set out from London to fly to Australia. Two of them flew non-stop to Port Darwin, having covered 7,150 miles by a great circle and 7,350 miles along the route actually flown. They had broken the distance point-to-point record by 853 miles.

THEY NEVER SAW INDIA!
The third, when it descended, on the island of Timor as a precautionary measure against possible fuel exhaustion before reaching Australia had also broken the previous record by 353 miles.

Britain holds therefore both land-plane and seaplane records. Neither flight was made in ideal conditions. The mercury and long-range monoplanes had to fight head winds most of the way. The landplanes flew thousands of miles through heavy tropical storms and clouds which restricted them for hours at a time to navigation by instruments alone.

They crossed India without seeing it, steering a course above the clouds at a height of 10,000 feet by stellar observations. Nevertheless both records were achieved at a far higher average speed than was attained in any earlier comparable flight. The Mercury averaged 142 m.p.h. and the landplanes no less than 153 m.p.h.—figures which demonstrate aerodynamic efficiency of the aircraft and their high performance in speed as well as in range.

UNORTHODOX INVENTIONS
These historic voyages spectacularly justified two unorthodox British inventions. The Mercury made other

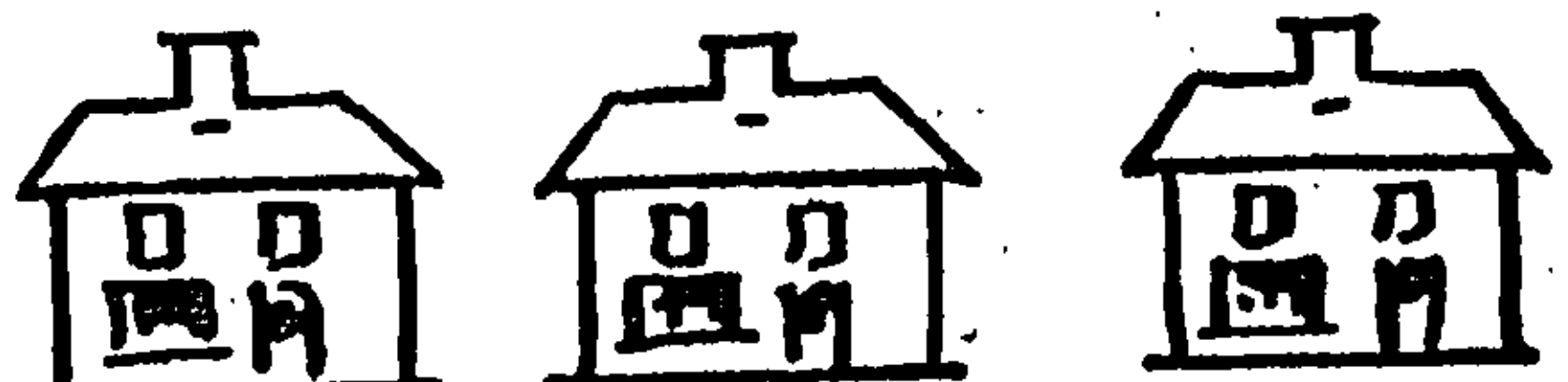
flights during the year, notably the return flight across the Atlantic Ocean, and journeys with mails between England and Egypt, which further indicated the feasibility of the composite aircraft idea. At the start of its flight to South Africa the seaplane was carrying 45 lbs. on every square foot of wing area, and 20 lbs. for every horse-power of its 4-Napier rapid 12-cylinder engines—a combination of wingloading and powerloading which had never previously been carried into the air. It was lifting more than 1½ times its unloaded weight. The record-breaking landplanes were Vickers-Wellesley monoplanes, of geodetic construction, powered each with Bristol Pegasus air-cooled engines. The geodetic construction invented by Mr. B. N. Wallis and developed by him in conjunction with Vickers company for several years past, ranks as a major discovery. This ingenious method of basketwork building is claimed to produce a structure that is enormously strong and is yet exceptionally light in weight.—British Wireless.

Eire Premier To Visit America

Dublin, Dec. 28. Mr. Eamon De Valera, the Irish Premier, will arrive in Washington on May 6 next year, and stay there one day as guest of President Roosevelt at the White House, it was officially announced to-day.

Mr. D. Valera will then spend several days in New York, and will probably open the Irish Pavilion at the World Exhibition.—Trans-Ocean.

THE PUZZLE THAT NOBODY CAN SOLVE



GAS WATER ELECTRICITY

LAST WEEK we printed a picture problem asking how three houses can be fitted with gas, water, and electricity from the three points without any of the mains crossing.

We warned at the time that it would be a maddening problem. No one succeeded in solving it, although varied "solutions" were submitted. In every instance it has been taken for granted that one or other of the householders has no objection to—or has given permission for—the mains being carried through or under his house to supply the house next door.

Obviously, though this is a practical, and maybe an ordinary method of dealing with such a situation as the question implies, if this condition is permissible then the puzzle remains a puzzle no longer.

There consequently remains the intriguing problem of laying the three supplies to each house without encroaching on the property on either side.

Hongkong is not the only place to be intrigued by the problem. Believe it or not, when a London paper asked its readers for solutions, one gallantly attempted to do this by carrying his GAS MAIN COMPLETELY ROUND THE EARTH. AND EVEN THEN HE HAD TO PASS IT THROUGH THE CENTRE HOUSE.

Another overcame the difficulty by passing his electric main, not through a house, but through the gas plant. (One spark, and up we all go!)

Still another wrote that throughout the war he carried this puzzle in mind and whittled away many a hour in trying to find a solution, but without success. Always one line had to cross another or pass through a house.

THE PUZZLE STILL REMAINS UNSOLVED.

Jamaica Committee Issues Report

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 28. The two commissions appointed to investigate respectively the island-wide disturbances in May and June, and the riots on the Frome sugar estate in May, have reported to the Governor.

The report of the first commission shows that in the island disturbances, eight people were killed and 32 wounded, while 745 were arrested. None of the Crown forces was killed, but 109 were injured.

The commission criticises the behaviour of some of the special constables, and suggests that the police force should be increased.

The commission on the Frome riots, in which four persons were killed and 13 injured as a result of the police firing at the demonstrators who were throwing stones, suggests that the police should use tear gas, rather than rifles, and considers a Labour Department a pressing necessity.—Reider.

GAMES AFTERNOON POSTPONED

The St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship Games Afternoon will not take place this afternoon. It will be held as usual next Thursday afternoon.

SEAMAN FESTIVE SPIRIT

Evening Escapade On Star Ferry

"I realise that I have done wrong and I am very sorry. I want to apologise to those people I have caused trouble to, and also to anybody else."

So stated George Fennessy, 34, seaman of the President Taft, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning after he had pleaded guilty, before Mr. E. Himsforth, to a charge of having been drunk and disorderly. Fennessy missed his ship on Christmas Day.

Det-Sergeant Scott said that yesterday evening, Fennessy boarded the Star Ferry "Night Star" at the Hongkong wharf and made his way from the third class to the first class where he was believed to have used abusive language towards the passengers.

When the ferry arrived at Kowloon, Fennessy stood at the entrance of the wharf and accosted some of the passengers who had disembarked, and he was seen to catch hold of a European. He was arrested and was taken to the Water Police Station where he was found to be wet through.

The President Taft is arriving tomorrow and arrangements have been made for Fennessy to rejoin the vessel.

After apologising for any unpleasantness he had caused, Fennessy asked for leniency. He was bound over in \$10 to be of good behaviour for a year and was warned against repeating the offence.

Tientsin Assassin Kills Taipan

Tientsin, Dec. 28. A Chinese gunman in French Concession to-day fired three shots point-blank at Wang Chu-lin, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, as he stood outside of a cafe, and killed him. The assassin escaped. The dead man was a prominent Tientsin industrialist.—United Press.

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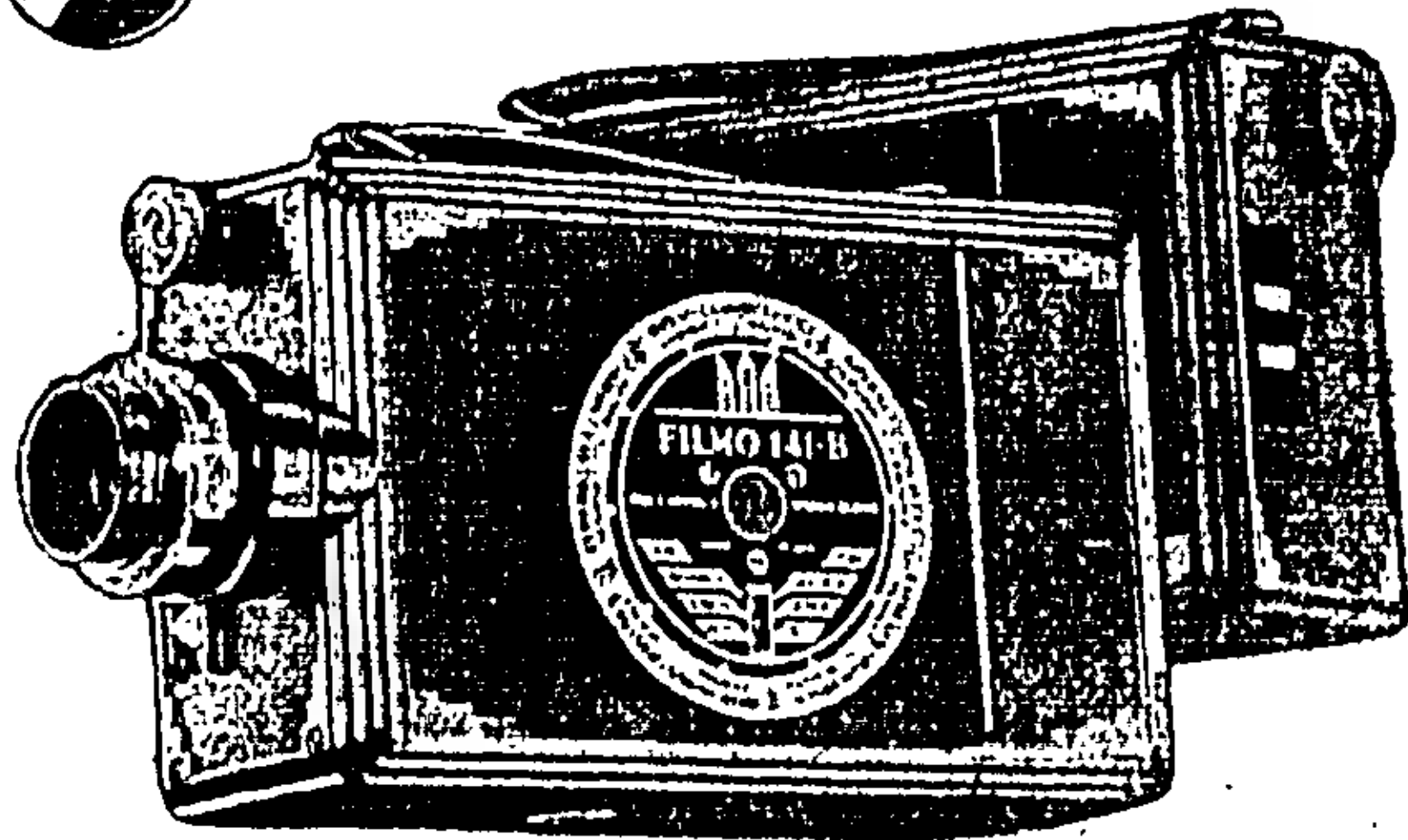
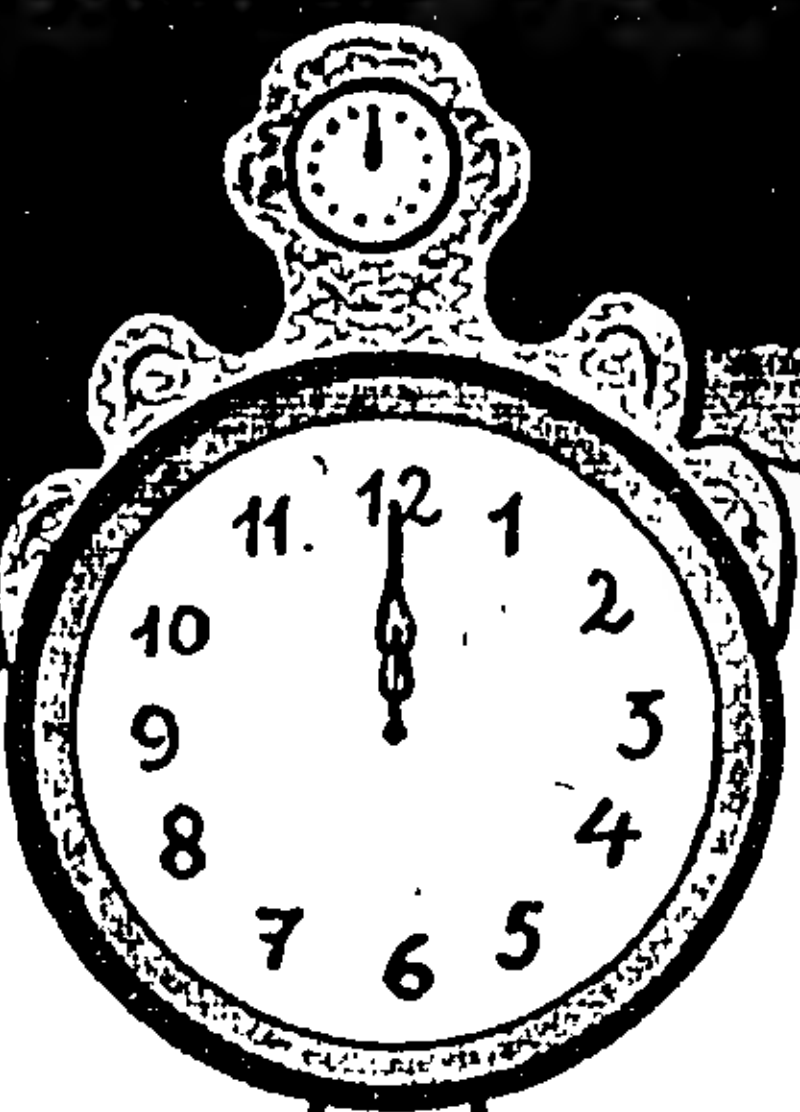
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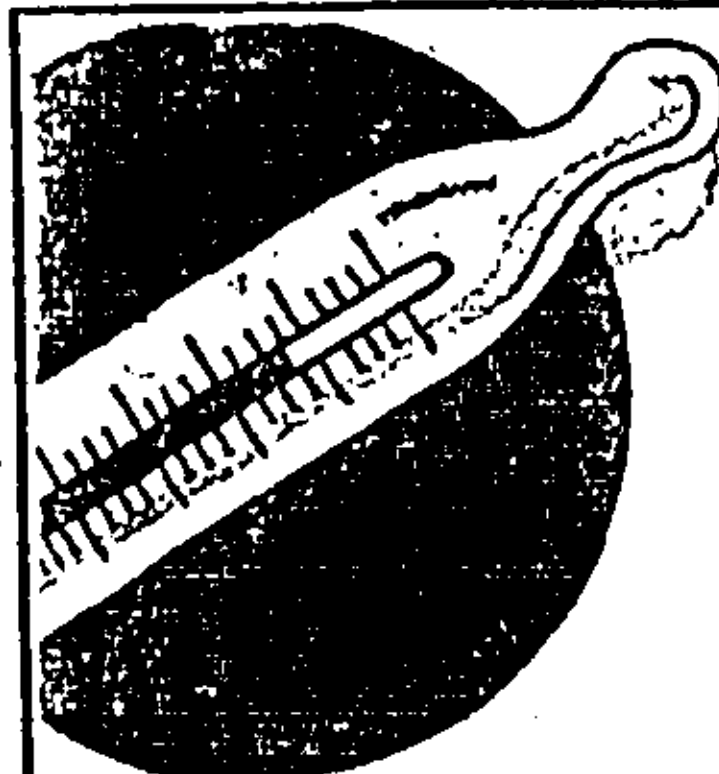
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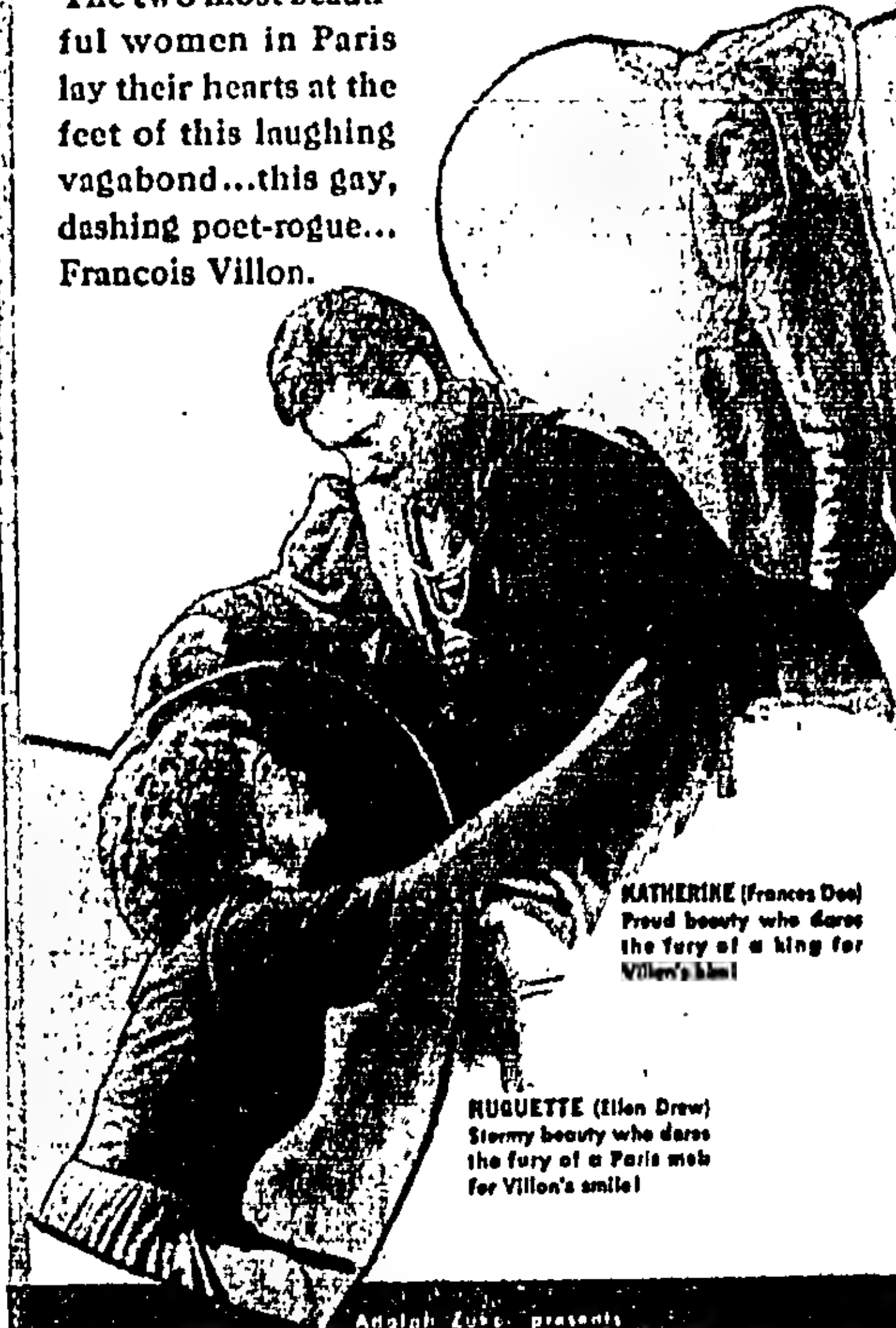


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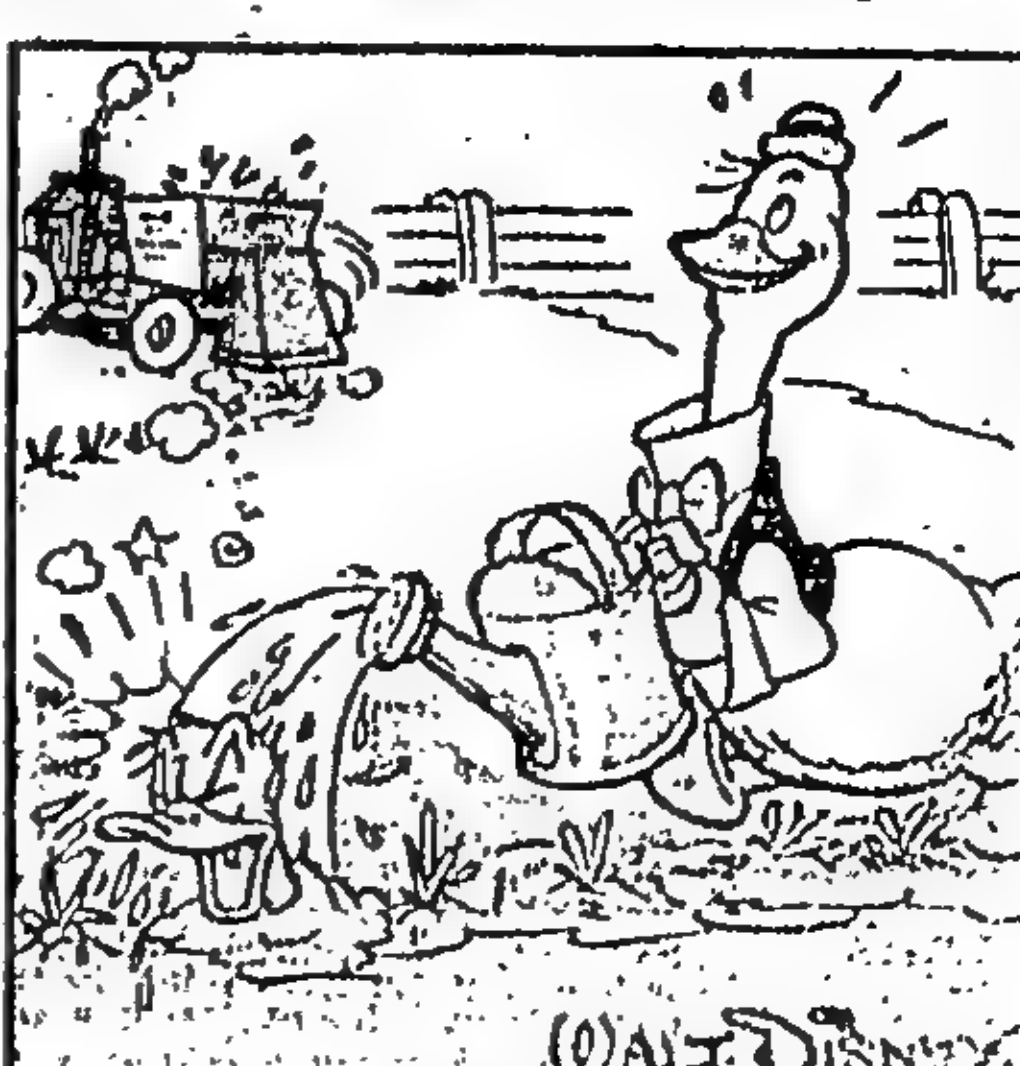
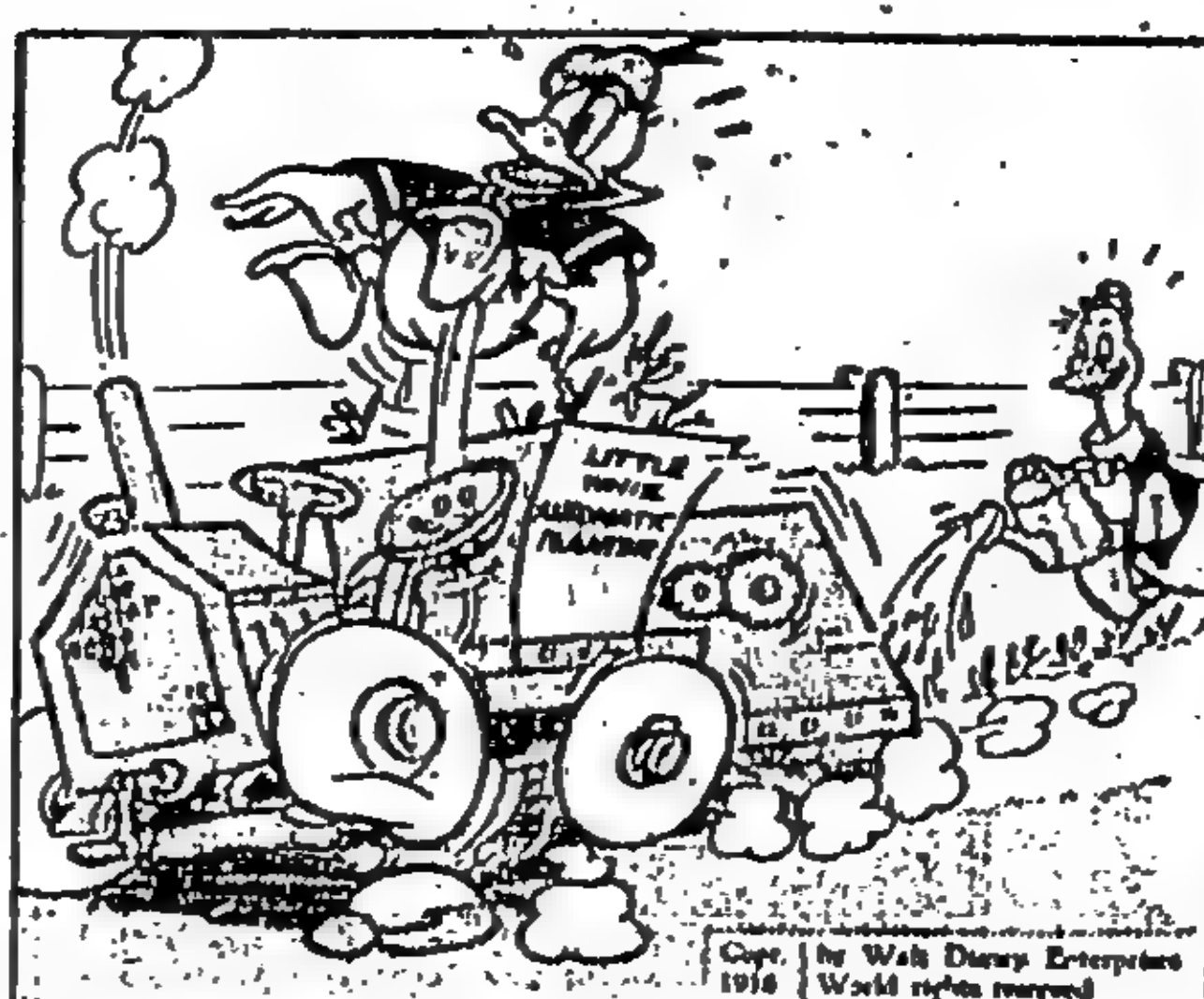
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America Fails At Lima Says Germany

Berlin, Dec. 28. The "defeat of the United States" anti-totalitarian aims" at the Lima conference continues to be the theme of satisfied press comment.

The "Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz" expresses joy at the "limitations" of the declaration on American solidarity.

Other papers remark that the attitude of the South American States was strongly influenced by a reluctance to endanger economic relations with the non-American countries.

The "Lokalan Zeiter" says that the South-American States are not prepared to abandon political and economic independence, to become dependent on North America.—Router.

U.S. PRESS SCEPTICAL

New York, Dec. 28. The satisfaction shown in Washington with the results of the Lima conference is not shared by the American press, which almost unanimously points out that the conference was a disappointment.

Even the pro-Roosevelt "New York Post" states that the Lima conference resolutions mean nothing because it is certain already that many of them will be rejected by the South American governments.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN TRADE PACT WITH URUGUAY

London, Dec. 28. While the German press makes no attempt to conceal its satisfaction at what it calls the "failure of the United States" at the Lima conference, it is reported from Rome that Italy and Uruguay have signed a new trade agreement.

The agreement it is stated, envisages increased trade between the two countries. The turn-over during the past few years has amounted to £1,250,000 a year.—Reuter Special.

TURKISH MINISTERS RESIGN

Ankara, Dec. 28. It is officially announced that the Turkish Minister for Education, and the Minister for Economics have resigned because of ill health.—Trans-Ocean.

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Japanese Offer Wang "A Good Job"

TIENTSIN, Dec. 28. JAPANESE sponsored newspapers in North China continue to give prominence to reports that Wang Ching-wel has had differences with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and, as a result, has left China for good.

The Japanese Army organ, the Yung Pao, says: "We will give Wang Ching-wel a good job and forgive him for his past association with the Chiang Kai-shek regime if he decides to come north."—United Press.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OF FRANCE

Finance Minister On Rehabilitation

PARIS, Dec. 28. A STRONG plea for the rehabilitation of France's financial and economic position was made by M. Paul Reynaud, the French Finance Minister in his address to the Senate to-day on the budget estimates for 1939.

France, he declared, which had been brought to the verge of ruin by an economic and financial crisis lasting over a period of seven years, was now faced with the necessity of having to increase its army estimates for the coming year to 41 milliard francs.

He pointed out, by way of comparison, that the burden of the last war amounted to only 15 milliard francs.

In his effort to find money to pay for the big public works at St. Etienne, and for subsidising various branches of industry, he was confronted with the fact that there existed a considerable discrepancy between the revenue and the financial requirements of the State. The State, he said, had become both a banker and a labour exchange bureau, but had failed to energise production, while its policy of price control had led to the closing of many undertakings.

France, asserted the Finance Minister, had been augmenting its national debt by 18 milliard francs a year. Whereas in 1931 the value of its gold and foreign exchange holdings held by the Bank of France amounted to 220 milliard francs, this sum by November 1938 had sunk to 80 milliard francs. France, he said, had rejected the proposal of introducing currency and foreign exchange control, as this was felt to be incompatible with democratic government.

In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the financial and economic rehabilitation of the country would be possible of achievement under a democratic regime.—Trans-Ocean.

Russo-Japanese Parleys To Resume

Tokyo, Dec. 28. Negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia regarding the renewal of the fisheries convention will be resumed next year, according to an agreement reached in Moscow, says the semi-official Japanese news agency.

The report adds that it is hoped that before the beginning of the new fishing season, the basis of a treaty in the form of a modus vivendi will be found, safeguarding Japanese fishing rights in Bering, Okhotsk and the Japan seas.—Trans-Ocean.

Chinese Soldier In H.K. Hospital

Suffering from a bullet wound received when fighting against Japanese troops in Po On a month ago, a Chinese soldier, Lo Yau, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday.

3 Years' Sentence On Thieves

POSED AS POLICE OFFICERS

Found guilty of what the Judge described as a bare-faced, impudent daylight robbery, Yiu Kim-kwong, 29, clerk, and Ho Ching-ling, 32, theatre attendant, were each sentenced to three years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused were stated to have held up a motor lorry in Shaikwan on November 5, by posing as policemen, and robbed Chan Wun and Yeung Tui, shop folks, of 20 bags of young ore, three baskets of eggs and three bags of duck feathers.

First accused told the Court that on the day before the robbery, he was asked by a friend named Koo to go to Shaikwan to catch traitors who had repeatedly smuggled wolfram ore to Japan. He admitted having held up the lorry with seven others, including the second accused, but said that his motive was purely patriotic.

He told the victims they were policemen, the reason for this being that they wanted to seize the wolfram ore and dump it into the harbour, as he had known the Police seldom take action about such matter. The fact that the wolfram ore was neither dumped into the harbour nor handed to the Police was not his fault as he was not in charge.

Second accused alleged that he was told by the first prisoner to accompany him to Shaikwan to catch traitors. As Yiu was a police reservist, he believed him and did not know they were going to rob.

The Jury found both prisoners guilty, and passing sentence, His Lordship said: You have been found guilty on clear evidence of having committed a bare-faced, impudent daylight robbery, and this is made much more grave by the fact that you impersonated police officers. Were it not for that, I might have been able to regard the offence as not very serious because no great damage was done to anyone, but if people pose as police officers then they must take the consequences for doing so.

Reincarnation Of Dalai Lama

Chungking, Dec. 28. By a mandate issued yesterday the National Government appointed General Wu Chung-hsin, Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, and Reeling (Jo-chen) Hutuktu, the present temporal and spiritual head of Tibet, to handle affairs relating to the new reincarnation of the Dalai Lama.

The last Dalai Lama, the thirteenth holder of the title, passed away at Lhasa, capital of Tibet, on December 17, 1933.—Central News.

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Hand Grenade Thrown Into Police Station

Prague, Dec. 28. CZECHO-SLOVAK police authorities announced to-night that on Tuesday night, a hand grenade was thrown by unknown persons into the Police customs house at Michalovce at the Polish-Czechoslovak frontier. The explosion wounded three Polish frontier guards. A flying squad rushed up with armoured cars and an ambulance which brought the wounded Police into the Tescen hospital.—Trans-Ocean.

American Fleet Puts To Sea

New York, Dec. 28. The American Pacific fleet started to-day to leave the Californian harbour of San Diego and the Bay of San Pedro for manoeuvres in Atlantic waters, which are expected to last from January 1 until June.

The first ships to leave were the auxiliaries and small units. Other men-of-war will pass through the Panama Canal during the next few days.

The battleships will leave in the middle of next week.—Trans-Ocean.

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Alleged Blackmailers Arrested

New York, Dec. 28. Belligerent and uncommunicative Mary Branding, aged 37, her brother Joseph, aged 61, and Walter Cragg (50) are being held on a charge of fraud, while the authorities to-day sought five more alleged blackmailers, who reportedly extorted \$150,000 a year from Philip Musica, alias Coster, President of the McKesson, Robbins Drug Corporation, who committed suicide by threatening to expose his dual identity.

Joseph Branding brandished a board when the police arrived to arrest him, but he was quickly disarmed.

His sister Mary is reported to have received \$8,000 last year from Musica, according to the police.—United Press.

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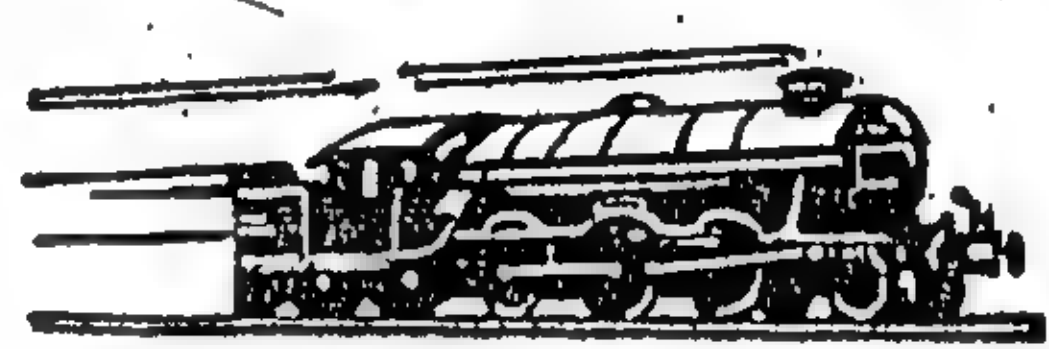
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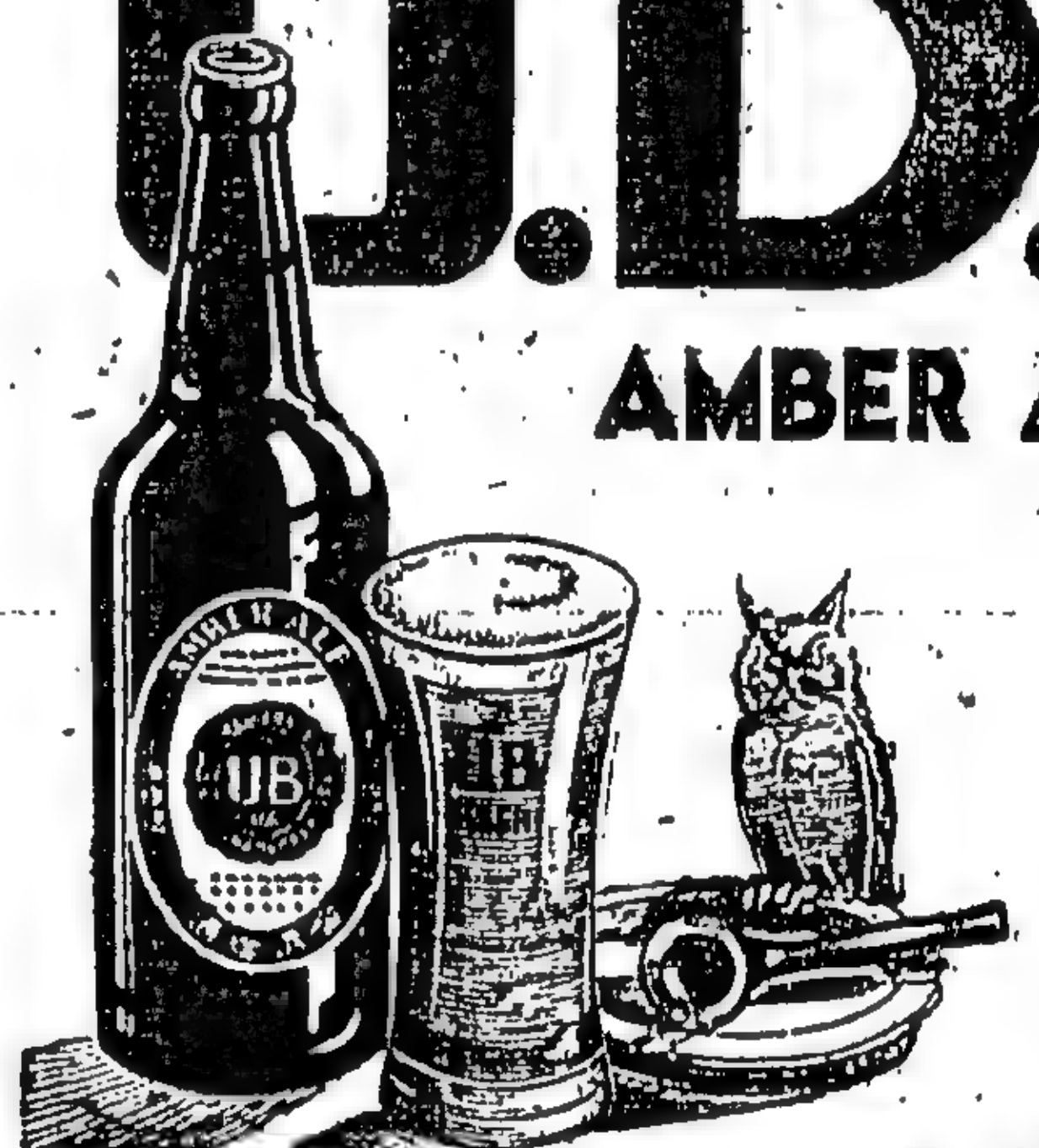


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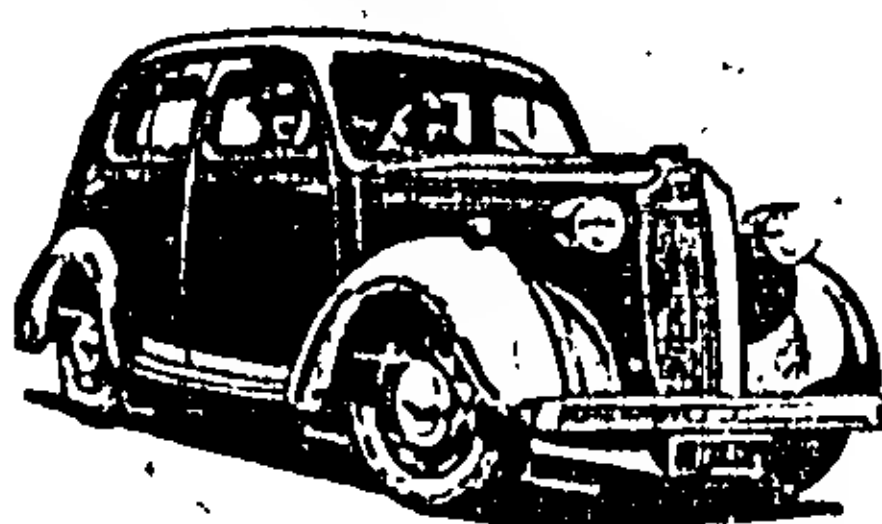
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Black Man's Continent

THE DEY OF ALGIERS hit the French Consul on the head with his fly-swatter.

They had been arguing (it was 1832) over a little matter connected with a bill for grain, and the conversation had become heated.

There was a diplomatic incident, a blockade of Algiers, and a shot was fired. A French Expeditionary Force landed, and the conquest of this part of the African coast began.

That fly-swatter ought to rank with the Serajevo bullet. It started one of the most drama-packed incidents of the history of the world—the carve-up of the continent of Africa among European nations.

It has a very special interest to-day, because France and Italy are now wrangling over Djibouti.

The last independent African kingdom disappeared when Italy annexed Abyssinia. Now there's nothing left to wrangle over but the other man's possessions.

Why is Italy so anxious to obtain possession of this small, arid French Colony, which breeds nothing but goats, grows nothing but a small quantity of gum?

It is waterless, save along the southern frontier, where lies British Somaliland. It is a chaotic mass of volcanic rocks, destitute of vegetation and presenting in places a scene of weird desolation.

Italy cannot possibly want French Somaliland—and threaten even to go to war to get it—for its resources or for colonisation purposes.

No, that is not the reason. It has a harbour, Djibouti. It has a railway terminal (the other end of which is at Addis Ababa, capital of Italy's newest Colony)—also Djibouti. Most important of all, it has a city which, if fortified, will become to the Suez Canal and Red Sea what Gibraltar has become to the Mediterranean—also Djibouti.

Italian Somaliland, which has a coastline of 1,200 miles, has no harbour, no railway, no port which can be turned into a fortified naval base. Eritrea has a port—Massawa—but between it and the hinterland lies a chain of almost unsurmountable mountains.

France holds, in Djibouti, the key that can close the door to Abyssinia. Italy wants that key.

INHOSPITABLE SEA



A steamer alongside the quay at Djibouti

THERE are few less hospitable places in the world than the Red Sea and its coasts, even in the winter, let alone in midsummer. Through this inhospitable sea Italian and French troops would pour into Djibouti, seaport of Eritrea, if it comes to a show-down between the two countries.

The heat is a torment, the very breeze scorches, like the hot air barbers blow on to your hair to dry off a shampoo. You seem to breathe in dust, hopelessness, so that the back of the mouth is everlastingly dry. The sun beats down with a relentless, dazzling monotony, and you have not even the satisfaction of knowing that nightfall will bring relief.

For night, too, is hot, sullenly, heavily hot, and the stars seem beady, like eyes in a fat, perspiring face. Flies settle languidly on features too languid to twitch them away and fans just stir up the sultriness. Trying to think is like trying to drive a car through fog.

I have known such heat in Upper Egypt when the temperature was 115 deg. in the shade, and when, waking up at day-break on the roof of a house where I slept, I looked over the desert, seeing the grey dawn like a threat and the sun come up, fiery, a doom and an abomination.

Then the interminable waste of sand all round seemed a fitting background, it parched too, it also a victim of the relentless sun; and life became cruel and simplified, and there was no luxuriance, no rich, tangled jungle, no fertility even anywhere; only heat and glare and sand.

Even passengers in luxuriously equipped liners, with ice and fans and nothing to do but loll on deck, find the Red Sea intolerable when there is a following wind.

To add to everything else a sort of saltiness in the air makes it sticky, unsavoury to breathe. It is not uncommon, in such circumstances, for a liner to stop, turn round, and let the following wind blow through it for half an hour so as to get an airing.

On shore, no such devices are possible. Italian and French soldiers packed in Massawa and Djibouti just have to endure, languidly watching the arrival of more ships and waiting with tepid water to drink and food mostly shipped from Europe to eat.

Flying over such places, it seems extraordinary that they support life at all. You see nothing but desolation, an occasional shadow where a few trees are, a cluster of houses by the sea coast.

It seems quite strange, landing, to find men, black and thick-furred and impassive-looking, clustering round the place, and to realise that somehow or other they manage to extract from such barren surroundings the wherewithal to keep alive.

The Red Sea ports—Port Sudan, Massawa, Assab, Djibouti, Berbera, Aden—all look very much alike passing by them—a sea-front, a row of palm trees, white houses, little encampments of what is called civilisation existing precariously on the edge of desolation.

The European officials who come on board have a white, tired look. Their faces bear the marks of much boredom endured. It is not difficult to imagine what their lives are like, for life for a European in the East does not vary much as between one small station and another.

Nor does it vary much as between one European and another. Your Frenchman or Italian may look rather more soiled and creased than your Englishman, be more inclined to sit in pyjamas in the evenings, have a more indolent, frankly perspiring, frankly homesick, forlorn air. But for all there is at the same round of sunset drinks, the same monotonous hospitality, a sense of being transplanted in an uncongenial, unfruitful soil.

Even the recent Abyssinian War would not revive these sleepy, unappetising regions. An Englishman who went to Massawa during the conflict described to me how the place still seemed dead, despite the ships packed in the harbour and the wharf loaded with a jumbled variety of goods, from foodstuffs to road material.

He wandered about, and found a little sultry bar, and five Europeans in the bar. They had not had a proper meal for five days. He took them on board his ship and fed them. They were enormously grateful.

Looking at the Red Sea and its little sleepy ports, which might be uninhabited for all the activity they show during most of the day, thinking of that parched, deserted earth, the traveller marvels that here should be the first stage in a conflict that has already shaken the whole European system.

Kipling has a story about three men who, as an experiment, set out to make an obscure village famous by putting it about that the village had unanimously voted the world to be flat. Their project was a complete success. Charabanes brought parties of visitors to the village, it figured in headlines and in music-hall songs, even in the proceedings of Parliament.

It is in the same way that the Eritrea-Somaliland coast became famous. Newsboys shouted it, and children played at launching attacks from it; it figured in the writings and speeches of statesmen. Yet it is now what it was before—the edge of a narrow sea where heat seems to get canalised, dry and unprofitable, a sea dividing the civilisation of Europe from the civilisation of Asia, and partaking of neither, with the wildness of Africa on one side and an immense desert on the other.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Eat at the Captain's table? I should say not—we ain't used to eating with the help!"

T. Paul Gregory Tells of

Hongkong's Most Famous Pirate

NOTHING is more dreaded by peaceful mariners than the cry of "Pirates ahoy!" The utterance of these words chills the heart, and the mind recalls with dread half-forgotten episodes in the history of the sea: memories of buccaneering raids, of surprises in the dark, the pillaging of ships, the slaughter of captains and crews, and stories of passengers being kidnapped and held for ransom.

Nowadays, of course, this cry is seldom heard; for piracy is practically an occurrence of the past. Yet some seventy or eighty years ago, when the waters around this Colony, were the rendezvous for as blood-thirsty a lot of fierce-sea-rovers as could be found anywhere, it must have been heard with despairing frequency. That was an era of piratical coups, carried out by well-organised gangs, under the leadership of able and ruthless men.

ONE of these old-time pirate chiefs was Ma-chow Wong, a man whom Europeans of that day nicknamed "the grass-cutter" in allusion to the fact that he had once naively explained his presence in some forbidden cove by saying that he had gone there "to gather fuel."

Ma-chow Wong, whose real name was Wong A-kei, was said to have been born in the San-on district of Kwangtung about the year 1822. Practically nothing is known of his early life, but it is thought that his residence in Hongkong began about the time this Colony became a British possession.

We do know, however, that by the year 1845 when he was 23 years of age, he had already become acquainted with Mr. D. R. Caldwell, then Chinese Interpreter, who was to serve as his patron and confidential adviser for many years.

YOUNG Wong was in every way a man of parts, and by the time that he was twenty-seven was well established as a Hongkong merchant. It is likewise possible that he had already embarked upon his piratical career, but in those days he was but a small fry corsair, and it was not until the next decade that he managed to blossom forth as the most feared buccaneer along the South China coast. He was fortunate, too, in his dealings with the law, and although he was arrested in 1847 on a suspicion of fraud in connection with some merchandise purchased by his shop, he was speedily released. It is to be suspected, as some have hinted, that his friend, Mr. Caldwell had a great deal to do with his discharge from official custody; for it is certain that by this time, they had become "blood brothers" by adoption, and Wong had further sealed their intimacy

by presenting his sister in marriage to him.

Needless to say that by the advent of the 'fifties, Wong was securely ensconced in his position as a local buccaneer. His fleet of swift, piratical lorchas, manned by trusty crews ensured for him a steady stream of loot, so that his warehouse on the Praya was always full. Not even Jean Lafitte, the most successful pirate of the Louisiana coast, was more fortunate than he; for his shop in Queen's Road provided the most effective cloak for the concealment of his real activities. What is more, the infinite variety, and the remarkably low prices of his goods, proved unusually attractive, and under such circumstances the business of Wong and Co. flourished.

IN the meantime, he had become known throughout the Colony not only as a prosperous merchant and ship-owner, but also as a suspected Imperial spy on behalf of the Chinese Government. That he was especially loyal to the Manchu cause is shown by the preferential treatment accorded to him in later years, but that is another episode in his life.

Singularly enough, the phenomenal prosperity of Ma-chow Wong lasted for only seven years, and then the wheel of fortune suddenly ceased to turn any longer in his favour.

Ignominy, too, was to be his lot, and it all came about through the accidental arrest of a young American, who was later proven to be none other than Eli Boggs, the pirate. This man was in due course convicted of his crimes, and while awaiting deportation to America, in the course of a conversation with his gaolers, he related a strange tale of how he had seen the ostensibly respectable Chinese merchant Ma-chow Wong on previous piratical forays, and how he (Wong) had directed the operations which led to the capture of a certain vessel and the seizure of her cargo of sugar, and the murder of many of her crew. Such statements as these were at first regarded as highly improbable, but on being further investigated, the truth was elicited; and Ma-chow Wong was brought under arrest. In connection with the case, Mr. Charles May, the Superintendent of Police, and Mr. A. L. Inglis, the Governor of Victoria Gaol issued the following amazing summary of the affair:

"Ma-chow Wong has been apprehended and his house searched, the books and papers being seized, amongst the latter are some papers in Mr. Caldwell's writing, showing that he had taken a direct interest in the business of (Continued on Page 10.)

JAPAN MOBILISES EVERY RESOURCE

Totalitarianism Comes To Nation As Money Tightens

DRASTIC RESULT OF CHINA WAR

TOKYO, Dec. 28.

PRACTICALLY FULL INVOCATION of the National General Mobilisation Act will be made early next year following approval by the National Mobilisation Council of six new draft Imperial Ordinances relating to the enforcement of Articles 6, 10, 11 and 13 of the Act.

The six Imperial Ordinances relate, respectively, to the control of wages, restriction of working hours in factories, restriction of dividends by business corporations, appropriation of factories and workshops, appropriation of land, buildings and various establishments and requisitioning of commodities.

It is pointed out that invocation of the mobilisation articles is inspired to concentrate Japan's entire economic resources for the building up of a new order in East Asia.

NAZIS FRONT-PAGE 'BRUTAL' BRITISH

(Continued from Page 1.)

Headlines in recent Berlin newspapers: "Answer to England's barbaric methods as we see them and the rest of Europe does not want to continue seeing them." "The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung: Foreign Office organ: 'Brutal suppression of the Arab fighters for freedom.' The Lokal Anzeiger: 'England's bloody regime of violence in Palestine.' Angriffs, Dr. Goebbels' newspaper: '1,000 Arabs shot in four months. The humane English in Palestine. Brutal policy of suppression.' Add the Volkischer Beobachter: 'In England they accuse us of brutal violence and set themselves up as the judges of humanity and decency. However, the English people have plenty of reason to be indignant concerning their own cruelty towards other nations. On foreign soil they blow up houses, hang out of hand those fighting for the justice and freedom of their land and direct an atrocious regime which leaves bloody tracks throughout Palestine.' 'BOERS KILLED OFF' After referring to the 'thousands

The measures will be executed in conjunction with the 3-year plan for the expansion of the productive capacity of industries which was approved and referred to the Government on Tuesday by the Planning Board.

To-day's session of the National Mobilisation Council to approve the Imperial Ordinance plans was held at 9.45 a.m. at the official residence of Premier Konoye.

Upon invocation of the new provisions, all business corporations with capitals exceeding 200,000 Yen will be prohibited from declaring dividends over 10 per cent. per annum, while further increase in the rate of dividends will be denied those corporations which are at present paying more than 10 per cent. dividends per annum.—Domei.

of women and children killed with shells and bombs in Vaziristan," the paper continues: "World history has not forgotten the results of the English in India, where they tied helpless prisoners in front of the muzzles of guns, and then fired them off. Also the atrocities in the Transvaal, where the Boer families were slowly but surely killed off in concentration camps."

"The English have cause enough to mind their own business. They ought finally to leave us in peace from their schismatical admonitions and their arrogant criticism, which embitter us very much."

"PINCH OF ADVENTURE IN CHINA," SAYS LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 29.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH". In an editorial on Japan's new step to mobilise her economic resources, says that shorn of circumlocution, it means that Japan is feeling the pinch of the adventure in China, and sees herself compelled to bring her productive system under the rigid control of the Government.

"The step is not altogether surprising, for the Government appears to be doing no more than exercise in full the powers already conferred on it, but which hitherto have been only partly implemented."

"Clearly Japan is about to resort to what we would call war-time economy, but what, in her case, more likely portends a permanent state regulation of her economic life, at any rate as long as the present semi-dictatorial regime remains in power."

"Japan, it is true, has not yet adopted a professedly totalitarian system, but she is taking a long step towards the German example."—Reuter.

DARING S'HAU COUP BY BANDIT GANG

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.

VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATING the extent to which armed crime has increased in the western boundaries of the International Settlement, fringing the Japanese-controlled areas in recent weeks, there occurred yesterday a daring hold-up, almost unprecedented in the history of Shanghai.

A line of seven cars, containing a party of 15 American and British men and women was stopped near the Columbia Country Club within the Settlement perimeter by a band of about eight armed bandits, flourishing pistols, who had parked their own car across the road.

The party was forced to dismount and were relieved of their watches, rings and wallets to the value of approximately 1,000 Chinese dollars.

The gang, who were reported to be well-dressed, made a clean escape, and despite the early arrival of the Settlement police, none has been apprehended.

The party is known to have included at least three Britons, Mr. J. H. Ford and Mrs. Innes of the A.P.C., and Mrs. Innes, as well as two American doctors, Dr. T. B. Dunn and Dr. D. J. Collins.

Although hold-ups of Chinese are a daily occurrence, yesterday's affair involving foreigners is the first case of this kind for many years.—Reuter.

SEVEN CARS HELD UP

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

A sensational armed robbery, in which the victims were foreigners, occurred in Shanghai to-night.

Seven motor cars, whose 15 occupants were mostly Americans, were held up by five armed robbers, believed to be Chinese.

The party, who were on their way back from a visit to the American Columbia Country Club, situated in the western area of Shanghai, were robbed of all their money and jewelry.

The bandits, who were armed with mauls, pistols, and knives, boarded a waiting motor car and made good their escape.

The outrage occurred at a spot lying between the territories controlled by the Japanese, and the International Settlement.—Trans-Reuters.

Bitter Attack On Vatican

BERLIN, Dec. 28.

A BITTER ATTACK on the Vatican is made by Dr. Josef Goebbels' organ the "Angriff," presumably as a tardy answer to the Pope's recent criticism of the totalitarian doctrine.

It accuses the Vatican of occupying itself solely with the Jewish question to the extent of giving the impression that there is complete popularity between Jewry and the Christian church.

It reverts to the situation in Palestine, and blames the Pope for failure to protest against the "wild and cruel war which severely harms the moral credit of Christianity in the Arab world."—Reuter.

Revised Tariffs In N. China

PEIPING, Dec. 28.

It is predicted that the revision of tariffs in the Japanese-occupied areas of China will not come into force on January 1 as expected.

A Tientsin newspaper is regarded as the mouthpiece of the Japanese military authorities, states that tariff changes will be announced as soon as an agreement has been reached between the Provisional and Reformed governments at Peiping and Nanking.

The changes are expected in the spring, when duties, especially those affecting luxuries, will be greatly increased.—Reuter.

Hongkong-Waichow Highway Opening

THE EXTENT of the collapse of the Japanese offensive in the East River area in Kwangtung is indicated by reports this morning that motor communication will re-open between Hongkong and Waichow.

Waichow, one of the largest of the East River cities, was recaptured from the Japanese on December 9.

Since then, the Japanese have been entirely cleared from the area between Hongkong and Canton south of the former Kwangtung capital, with the exception of the Pearl River strip protected by their gunboats.

Road traffic between Hongkong and Waichow will be resumed as soon as the highway bridges, which were blown up by the Chinese shortly after the Japanese landing in Blas Bay, are repaired.

Bus services have already resumed between Shum Chun, the border city, and Lungkung, seventeen miles northwards.

Large number of war refugees from Hongkong utilised the buses yesterday to return to their homes in Kwangtung.

It is expected that the highways between Hongkong, Tamsui and Waichow will be open for traffic within three weeks.

9 Million Jobless In United States

New York, Dec. 28.

The number of unemployed in the United States during November totalled 9,211,000, compared with 9,095,000 in October, and 7,751,000 a year ago.

These figures are issued to-day by the National Industrial Conference Board.—Reuter.



TWO WOMEN missionaries photographed after the long walk down Lushan Mountain from Kuling, where they had been stranded for many months with food supplies gradually dwindling and the constant threat of Sino-Japanese hostilities being waged in their district. Notice that the woman on the left wears Chinese cloth shoes. For many months foreigners in Kuling have been unable to replace their worn-out clothing.

CHIANG REJECTS TOKYO PEACE TERMS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.

JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS, which included, besides those contained in the statement by Prince Konoye on December 22, the granting to Japan of the right to station troops at specific points in China as long as the proposed anti-Comintern pact remained in force, and the right to domicile all parts of China for the Japanese, were more extensive and stiffer than those presented to China before the outbreak of the hostilities, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day.

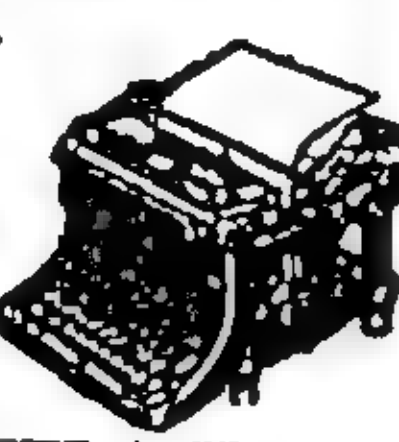
He added: "If the earlier terms were unacceptable to China, how can the country, after 18 months of fighting and suffering, accept the present demand? What have we been fighting for?"

He emphasised that China cannot accept any terms which violate her territorial or administrative integrity, or which are contrary to the League Covenant or the Nine-Power Treaty. It was stated to-day that Chinese casualties since the beginning of the hostilities are estimated at 850,000 of which 300,000 have been killed. Japanese casualties are estimated at 650,000.—Reuter.

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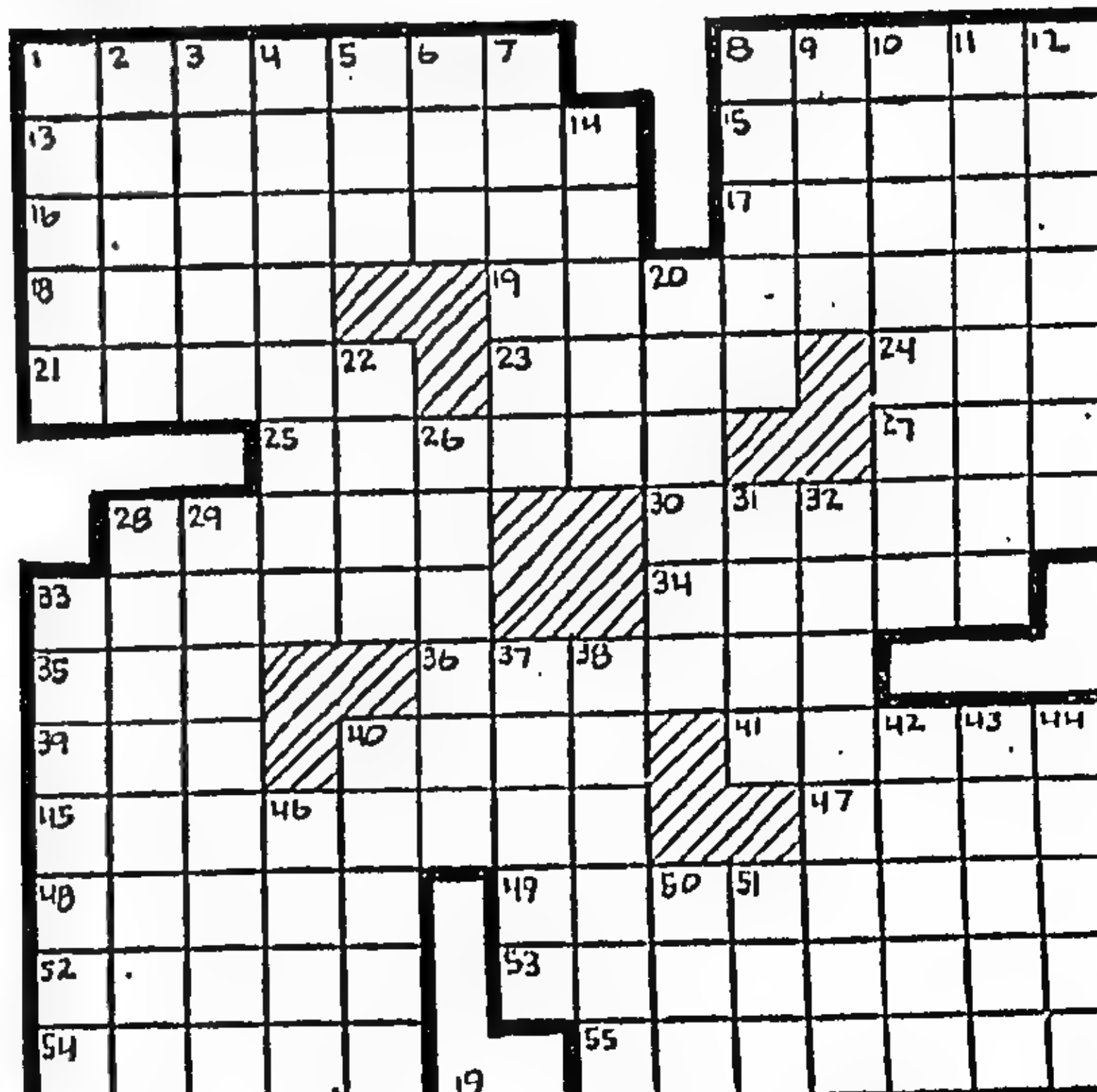
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By LARS MORRIS

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POPULAR OFFICER GETS NEW COMMAND

COLONEL N. M. S. IRWIN, popular G.S.O.1 of the China Command since 1937, is to leave Hongkong next year to assume command of the 6th Infantry Brigade, according to a War Office announcement, cabled by "Reuter."

Colonel Irwin will assume the temporary rank of Brigadier in his new appointment.

Colonel Noel Mackintosh Stuart Irwin, M.C., D.S.O., was born in India on Christmas Eve forty-six years ago. Educated at Marlborough College, he later went to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and joined the Essex Regiment in 1912. He was promoted to the rank of Major in the Border Regiment in 1927, and was a Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel in 1931.

He served in France with the Battalion from August 1914, and commanded the 2nd Battalion the Lincolnshire Regiment from 1917 to 1918. He also commanded the 8th Battalion the Leicestershire Regiment in 1918 and from 1918 to the following year commanded the 1st Battalion the Lincolnshire Regiment.

He was temporary Colonel Sub-Area Commandant in France in 1919, and during his service there he was awarded the D.S.O., and two bars, the M.C., and the Croix de Guerre, and was also mentioned five times in despatches.

He was at the Staff College from 1924 to 1925, and served with the General Staff on the Rhine from 1926 to 1927. He was in India from 1927 to 1933 and from 1933 to 1935 was Chief Instructor, R. M. C., Sandhurst. He was at the Imperial College in 1930, and was promoted to Colonel the following year, when he took up his appointment in Hongkong as General Staff Officer, 1st Grade.

At one time he was a brilliant hockey player, and played both for his battalion and the Army. For three years he was a member of the Marlborough College Shooting VIII and one year was captain of the team.

NEW SHANGHAI COMMANDER "Reuter" also confirms the report published in the "Telegraph" yesterday that Colonel F. K. Simmons has been promoted from the General Staff in Palestine to command the Shanghai Area, with the temporary rank of Brigadier.



COL. IRWIN

Lieut-Colonel Frank Keith Simmons, M.C., D.S.O., M.C., of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, was born in 1888. He was educated at Cranbrook School and served in the European War, being awarded the M.C., M.C., and Croix de Guerre. Subsequently he became military attaché at Madrid, serving in this capacity from 1920 to 1931.

He was appointed a temporary commander of the Southern Brigade (Palestine) in 1936.

NO COMPETITION FOR HIM



As will be seen in the picture, Jack Odell, formerly of the Central British School, won the 400 metres at the International Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill on Sunday with the greatest of ease. He romped home fully 20 yards ahead of the second man, his time being 57 secs., which undoubtedly would have been better had he been pressed.—Photo by Staff Photographer.

Army Batsmen Take Good Lead In Cricket Tie Against Navy Sailors Lose A Wicket Before Close of Play

(By "R. Abbi")

It is a most unpleasant reminder of the strenuous times we live in, to find how difficult it is for the Services to raise their best teams. The Army yesterday lost the services of Weedon, Man and Painter who were toying round with a machine-gun or something equally unpleasant. Twenty years ago that machine gun would have been uncommonly lonely so far as they were concerned. The Navy too had Glenister, Brownlie and Kyrie away. Of course it has to be done but we older people do sigh for the specious leisurely days of the past. Lees won the toss and sent in Whitmarsh and L. S. Smith to face Godby at the Yard end and Paterson. The former appeared to be very stiff and bowled slow medium in his first over which Smith allowed to be a maiden. Paterson too was all over the shop and eleven runs came from his first over. But disaster waited on the Navy. Godby speeded up and Whitmarsh in playing him to square leg lifted the ball a little and Lawrence took a low catch. (11-1-0). Then Smith cut at the first ball of Paterson's second over and was taken by Land at second slip. 11-2-6.

Land relieved Paterson and very nearly had Manners with a head-high full toss at which the batsman slashed and somehow or other put it between the wicket keeper and first slip. The latter nearly got at it. Godby again produced his fast yorker next over and bowled Firth who had been shaping excellently. Four for thirty-three and the Navy were definitely on a lee shore. It looked as if Clayton and Manners were starting a stand when the latter after hitting Land to long on and then to square leg (both beautiful fours) apparently lost his head and had a blind move at an off ball and skied it to second slip. 47-5-20. Two runs later Clayton nicked Godby to Land at second slip. Wanstall did not stop long, the seventh wicket falling at 54 but then Lees played a real captain's innings and Talbot stood by and later both hit out. Gradually the score mounted. Hatfield, who had been unable to turn up at the start, went on for Godby but he seemed stiff and did not bowl nearly as well as he had done against the Club. Talbot hit very hard and it was unfortunate that he hit a full toss to Paterson at deep mid on when the stand had reached fifty-three of which his share was twenty-eight. Moore's hunt on and Lees got two very pretty fours off Godby's first over when the latter went on for

Hatfield. Next over, however, Godby dropped in his pet yorker—only it was a bit slower one this time—and sent Lees back for an invaluable innings of 20, played at a most critical time. 115-9-20. Paterson made three singles and then Moores was lb.w. to Godby who had bowled excellently, taking his six wickets for twenty runs.

THE ARMY BAT
After the Army started their innings and after Corp. Webb had got his leg in front of one in Paterson's first over, a long and sedate stand followed. Logan shaped very well and Paterson (not the bowler) was very steady. He should, however, have been caught off Manners, who was probably doing more with the ball than could be seen from the pavilion. The score was sixty six after an hour's play which is slow for the ground. At this point Paterson relieved Whitmarsh, and Moores went on for Manners. Moores sent down some very good balls but his length was very variable and Logan punished some short ones heavily. However, at 84 he mistimed a slower one and scooped up an easy chance to Lees. (84-2-40). Land came in and on-drove Paterson who, for some reason, had no deep field behind him and was accordingly far more expensive than he needed have been. Just after the hundred was hoisted, Paterson was badly dropped at mid on. However, he did not increase his score before he tried to glance Paterson to fine leg and was caught at second slip off the back of his bat. (112-3-43). Land began to bat confidently and made two delightful late cuts off Moores which sped to the boundary in a flash. This brought Manners back again and Land cut his second ball beautifully behind point but mistimed the next and Paterson fell forward at first slip and made the catch. A quick and good innings of 27 scored in a very attractive manner.

SLOW CRICKET
Things now became very dull, as both batsmen found it difficult to get the ball away. Godby especially seemed unhappy and did not give one the impression of seeing things. After tea, Coombes was caught at the wicket almost at once. 140-5-13. Hatfield, promoted in the order after his good knock against the Club now came in. However after he had scored two he was bowled by a quick one from Moores which kept low.

Paxton still bowled without a deep field straight and Godby off-drove him for four. But in Moores' next over a good break-back came back quickly and bowled him. 167-7-12. Swyers had come in after Hatfield and concentrated mainly on defence though he on-drove Paxton very nicely to the fence. Then Moores bowled Sgt. Baker with a good one. 161-8-0. Lawrence, though in a good deal of pain from a pulled muscle, went in nobly to try to hold an hour's play and put Moores away to square leg for a couple. Two overs later he put Paxton out of the ground by the car park and the ball is reported to have reached the Bank! A perfectly timed shot. He was coming down hard on the ball and obviously has very powerful wristwork. Manners went on but Lawrence batted him to the mid-wicket boundary though it obviously was most painful. Swyers was playing a nice game and evidently the practice he had against the Club, when he did little, helped him as he seemed to bat infinitely better. Lawrence square cut Manners for four and put a single to leg but Moores next over got a beauty past him. A most gallant innings—and the stand put on 34 runs. 195-9-10.

NAVY HAVE TO BAT
The Navy were unfortunate in having to bat for ten minutes and off the second ball of Hatfield's over, Clayton nicked the ball to first slip. Lees wisely sent in his left-hander next. Smith hit Godby to long-leg

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

STANDINGS OF TEAMS TO DATE

The following are the standings of the various teams in the Hongkong H.A. Tournament to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Radio & P.S.C.	6	5	0	1	21	4 11
C.B.A.	6	4	2	0	13	8 8
Itterelo	6	4	2	0	9	3 8
R.A.F.	6	3	3	0	20	0 6
Police "A"	3	3	0	0	6	0 6
Nomads	4	2	1	1	12	5 5
K.I.T.C.	3	1	2	2	11	13 4
Police "B"	4	0	4	0	0	10 0
Varsity	3	0	3	0	0	0 0
R.A.O.C.	5	0	5	0	1	20 0

Boxing HARVEY MAY GO TO AMERICA

But Only For World Title Fight

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 3. Len Harvey, having recaptured the British heavy-weight title on Thursday night, when he easily beat Eddie Phillips, spent a good part of yesterday discussing future matches. He aims high, and will not be easily matched.

Mr. Halls, the Harringay promoter, is anxious to put Harvey into the ring in London against Max Baer, and intends to leave for New York in a fortnight's time, to secure Baer's signature. Falling Baer, he hopes to induce John Henry Lewis, former world's light heavyweight champion, to come over for a return fight with Harvey, whom he beat at Wembley two years ago. Walter Neusel is also considered as an opponent.

For the past two months, Harvey told me yesterday, he has been in touch with Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the New York promoter, regarding possible fights in America, and when the result of the Phillips fight was known in New York, Johnston and Mike Jacobs both talked of inviting Harvey to go. Harvey's reply was:

NO ELIMINATORS
"I am not particularly interested in Max Baer as a fight with him takes me nowhere. Neusel I regard in exactly the same way. I want no more eliminating fights, and I will not in any circumstances go to America to take part in one. "I would go there to fight Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title, and I would go for a match with John Henry Lewis for the light heavyweight championship. I am just as qualified to fight Louis as

for four and that was that.

ROYAL NAVY—1ST. INNS.			
Capt. Whitmarsh, c	Lawrence, b	Godby	6
L/S Smith, c	Land b	Paterson	10
Lt. Manners, c	Godby, b	Godby	20
Commr. Firth, b	Godby	20	
E. A. Clayton, c	Land, b	Godby	20
Commr. Lees, b	Godby	20	
S. P. O. Wanstall, c	Paterson, b	Land	4
Lt. Talbot, c	Paterson, b	Baker	20
Mar. Moores, lb.w.	b	Godby	0
C. P. O. Paxton, not out			3
Extras			5
Total			118

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	11.5	2	20	6
Paterson	3	-	10	1
Land	9	-	40	2
Hatfield	6	1	21	-
Swyers	2	-	12	-
Baker	3	2	1	1

*Bowled one no-ball.

ARMY—1ST. INNS.			
S/Sgt. Patterson, c	Whitmarsh	43	
b	Paxton	40	
Cpl. Webb, lb.w.	b	Paxton	
Driver Logan, c	Lees b	Moores	
Sgt. Land, c	Paxton b	Manners	
Capt. Godby, b	Moores	16	
Pte. Coombes, c	Clayton b	Moores	
Pte. Hatfield, b	Moores	2	
Major Swyers, c	Clayton b	Manners	
Sgt. Baker, b	Moores	13	
Capt. Lawrence, b	Moores	19	
P. S. M. Paterson, not out		20	
Extras		20	
Total		199	

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paxton	24	3	61	2
Moores	22	5	58	6
Manners	13.1	3	30	2
Whitmarsh	9	-	24	-

NAVY—2ND. INNS.
L/S Smith, not out 4
E. A. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield 0
S. P. O. Wanstall, not out 0
Total (1 wk.) 4

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	2	1	4	-
Hatfield	1	1	-	1

"Pilgrim" Says—

ADVICE GIVEN TO FORWARDS

INTER-CHANGE OF POSITIONS OFTEN VERY EFFECTIVE

OPPOSITION MAY BE THROWN INTO DISORDER

An outside left should always keep well out on the touch line except when play is round the opposing circle. He should then come in a little on the chance of the ball coming across and being missed by the inside-left.

The outside left may then have a chance to nip in and get in a shot if necessary, as he does so. The winger at once passes the ball out to him and, unmarked as he probably will then be, the inside man can get well away on the wing.

This movement, to be effective, must be done quickly, before the defenders can get back into position once again.

A centre-forward, for various reasons, dribbles occasionally towards the inside-left or inside-right. As he does so, the inside should at once see whether he is likely to be crowded out by this move, and if so, should cut inwards, thus taking the centre-forward's place.

Half-backs and full-backs can change when the winger has got well away, and the half is not fast enough to catch up before the winger centres. The back then goes out to tackle, and the half cuts diagonally inwards to fill the gap.



Mrs. Ackroyd has been a most prolific scorer for the Seaford Ladies this season.

stuck the ball is checked and by a very slight turn, can be placed in the desired position.

Unless the stick is faced squarely to the ball in the first instance, it will glance off and go out of control. It is easier to get the ball into position on taking a pass if the stick is kept fairly wide of the body. Taking it too close to the feet is liable to hamper you by the ball becoming mixed up with your feet.

CHANGING PLACES
Inter-change of positions between an inside and an outside forward, between a centre and an inside man, and between a half and a full back can be very effective. Imagine a winger, to reach a badly-delivered pass, comes inward a few yards, and as he does so, draws with him the opposing half; then is the time for the inside to dash behind and out.

Tommy Farr was. "Of course, the power of the purse generally operates in boxing. It has in. But I do not think there is the slightest prospect of my going to America unless it is for a title fight."

"As to a fight here, who is there? I see no point in fighting Baer, even in London. Still, we must await developments and see what is offered. Except in the case of a world title fight I am not desperately eager to grab a match with Tom, Dick or Harry. In fact, it is possible I shall make an exhibition tour."

PHILLIPS'S PURSE
In spite of this statement, Mr. Halls has great hopes of matching him with Baer or Lewis, and it will probably depend on the sort of inducement he is able to offer Harvey. Baer is over two stones heavier, carries a tremendous punch, but is slow and easily outboxed. He looked very poor when Farr beat him, and very good when he knocked out Ben Foord.

The receipts on Thursday night proved to be only about £7,000, of which the boxers were each guaranteed £1,500, with the option of 25 per cent. of the receipts, whichever was the greater. They will, therefore, be due to receive just under £2,000 each.

Phillips's purse, however, must be handed to the British Boxing Board of Control, as stated in The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post yesterday, and held by the Board until the stewards have reviewed the circumstances of Phillips's disqualification by the referee. The Board may deal with the purse money as they think fit.

My view of the incident which led to the referee intervening is that Phillips was half-conscious at the time and unable to control the direction of his punches.



Lieut. Hook (R.A.), brilliant Army pivot, who will be seen in action against the Navy at Sookunpoo tomorrow.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

THE Nomads last Saturday drew 1-1 with the K.I.T.C. in a close and interesting game. H. Gubbay, S. A. Reed and Silva in the attack opened with a rush and for a short while looked like scoring a quick goal; but gradually their opponents settled down and play became very even, with the Nomads, if anything, having the better of the exchanges.

R. J. REED equalised for the Nomads in the second half, off a short corner. He was also outstanding at centre-half with his clever stick-work. Xavier, at left back, was brilliant, his speed and first-time clearances being a feature of the game. In my opinion, the Nomads were rather unlucky not to have won as the goal scored against them was shot from an off-side position.

K.I.T.C. made a bad start and it was only in the second half, when Pyara Singh and Malik reverted to their usual positions that Pinto and Parlab began to combine effectively. There was too much shouting by those in the defence to allow the team to play the sort of game which they revealed earlier in the season. If this continues, the Kowloon Indians, as a team, will not go far.

QBAL Singh, deputising for Man Singh in goal, gave a very sound display during the closing stages of

the game. The K.I.T.C. secured a lucky point as the result of C. Pinto's goal; he was in an off-side position when he scored. There was too much aimless hitting in the course of the game.

THE C.B.A. last Monday defeated the Police "B" by 2-0 at Mongkok. A slippery sandy surface made neat play difficult, but despite the conditions, perfect combination was maintained by G. H. and S. A. Fowler and D. Smith in the attack. The Whitley brothers, Tom and Norman, were prominent among the halves, and Auslen, playing the one back game, had little to do. A late start was made and both teams played with only ten men. C.B.A. were quickly on the offensive and maintained pressure throughout the match. G. H. Fowler scored a goal in each half.

POLICE "B" fought enthusiastically and only bad finishing by the forwards prevented them from equalising before the interval. Jessop, in goal, played a brilliant game throughout and saved the side from a heavier defeat. Leslie was also outstanding at centre-half. Chenan Singh, at right back, also played remarkably well. The attack, with Pennell as leader, made several raids, but good work was spoilt by wild shooting. The Police "B" will have to field a much stronger team—and I believe they have the men—if they hope to obtain their first Tournament points.

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Sketched here are three pocket edition fashions for girls from fourteen to sixteen.

Practical and Pretty

Young girls' clothes should be simple and sensible, but at the same time attractive. These designs are planned on practical lines, and are so easy to make that Miss Fourteen can make them herself with a little help.

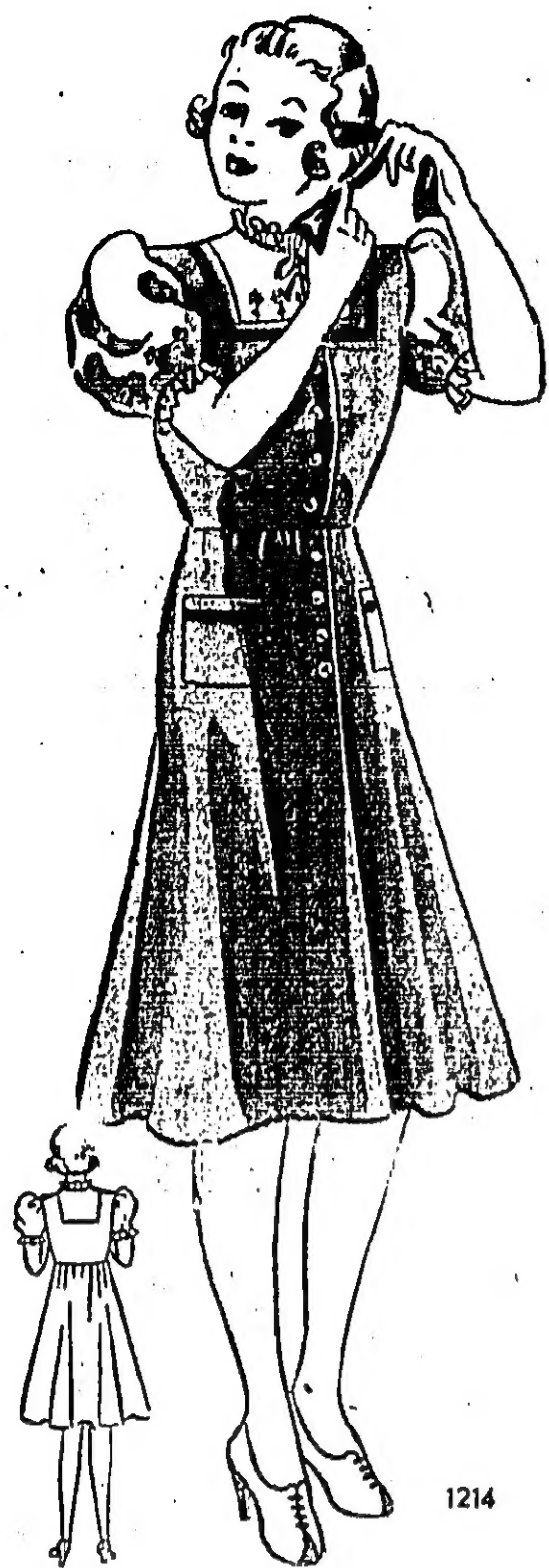
At the top left, No. 1214, is a little peasant dress that can be made in velvet or brightly coloured wool fabric with an attractive braid finish to bodice and pockets. You could trim the silk blouse with a few gay posies of flowers in lazy daisy stitch.

My second choice for daughter is a little woollen dress, No. 1215, cut with a yoked top, long sleeves and a plain, well-cut skirt. I advise a cheerful colour for this dress, say, a light navy, copper beech, or cherry red.

Velvet for Parties

A pretty frock for small parties is shown in the third sketch, No. 1216. A little gathered bodice to give ease to the figure and the same gathering repeated on the sleeve. Carried out in velvet this will give her a nice warm frock for the entire winter.

Finish dress with a narrow belt or three different tones of narrow ribbon which should be left long at side.



1214

Pretty blouse with frills at neck and sleeves is worn under a becoming peasant dress.



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Gathering on bodice and sleeves and a four-way cash add charm to a velvet dress. The belted frock, with yoke and neat collar, looks well in check wool or tweed.

HONGKONG'S MOST FAMOUS PIRATE

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Ma-chow Wong. There are some entries in Chinese of moneys received from or for Mr. Caldwell.

ALTHOUGH every effort was made by interested parties to prevent the case from being brought to Court, the evidence was such that it would have been highly injudicious to have made any further pretence of concealment. Consequently, Ma-chow Wong was tried at the September Criminal Sessions of 1907 for "confederating with pirates," and was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude at the prison settlement on the Island of Labuan near British North Borneo.

Mr. Caldwell was naturally grief-stricken at the course of events, but he still managed to be able to exert his influence so that his protégé did not have to submit to the indignity of having his handsome queue docked, as was then the custom with Chinese prisoners in the gaol. Finally, on November 13, 1858, Ma-chow Wong, in company with fifty-nine other convicted Chinese felons, was sent away from the Colony, and after being in Labuan for a couple of years, he once more came into the limelight as a result of acting as the ringleader of an attempted uprising in which it was planned to release all the prisoners and murder the European wardens and Indian guards.

However, one of the convicts got "cold feet," and, appalled by the callous slaughter of so many people that the successful perpetration of the murder-plot would entail, went to the Prison Superintendent on the eve of the attempt, and confessed everything. As a result, five years were added to Wong's sentence, and he was more closely watched than ever.

THE years passed by, and gradually his spirit came to be broken. At length in 1860, Sir John Pope Hennessy (who subsequently became Governor of Hongkong) and Mr. J. R. Howard, the Superintendent of Convicts at Labuan, prevailed upon the Home Government to award him a free pardon. Upon this being granted he returned to the Colony, whence he had

been sent away more than ten years before. Immediately on his arrival here, he was arrested, but upon presenting his discharge papers from Labuan he was released, and was permitted to take up his residence here again. However, he found things vastly changed. Piracy was no more. The administration of Sir Hercules Robinson had effectively cleared up the Augean-like corruption of the previous decade, and his erstwhile protector and business associate, Mr. D. R. Caldwell was now living in retirement at his residence in Hollywood Road.

Wong thought of proceeding to Canton, and when he did so he was welcomed by the Imperial officials, who offered him a commission and a mandarin's button of the fifth rank, if he would consent to serve the Chinese Government in a military capacity.

Sadly, however, he refused this tempting offer, and returned once more to Hongkong. All he wanted now was to end his days in peace and tranquillity under the flag of the nation which had treated him so generously. He had now become a thoroughly reformed man, and thought only of atoning for his past misdeeds. The Chinese Government never entirely forgot him, and during the war with France in 1884, it again offered him a military commission if he would serve the cause.

Once more, Wong refused, stating that he was too old to think of honours. Although poverty was now his lot, he was far happier than he had ever been. Besides, it would not be long before he would be called to join the souls of his departed ancestors.

The old ex-pirate survived until the year 1892. His passing was the last link which bound the modern Colony to the turbulent, tumultuous days of that older Hongkong which now exists only as an unpleasant memory.

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Ukrainian Peasants Get Stiff Sentences

Warsaw, Dec. 28. Six Ukrainian peasants of the Polish village of Werbow were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six to 15 years by the district court of Brzezany to-day for being members of an illegal "Nationalist Ukrainian organisation" and for manslaughter.

Respite was given to some of the convicted. They were accused of killing a Polish peasant, who caused the arrest of some Ukrainians, but witnesses proved an alibi for the defendants. The Polish authorities also prohibited the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Ukrainian cultural organisation "Prosvita" which was scheduled for December 26 and 27. The organisation supports many libraries and reading rooms in Eastern Galicia.—Trans-Ocean.

Belgian Royalty's Vacation in France

Paris, Dec. 28. King Leopold of the Belgians and the Queen Mother arrived this morning by express at Cote d'Azur. They will stay for a fortnight at Beaulieu-sur-Mer.—Trans-Ocean.

C.C.C. OFFICIALS ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Indianapolis, Dec. 28. Five officials of the Continental Credit Corporation of Winchester in Indiana, and its associated firms, have been convicted by a Federal jury of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Schemes organised by the defendants are alleged by the Government to have cost business houses and individuals in the Middle West £240,000.—Reuter.

France Sells Out Munitions Shares

Prague, Dec. 28. As an indication of the changed situation in Central Europe, the French group closely connected with the Schneider-Creusot Works, which held the majority of the Skoda Works shares, have sold their holdings to a Czechoslovak group representing the Czechoslovak Government.

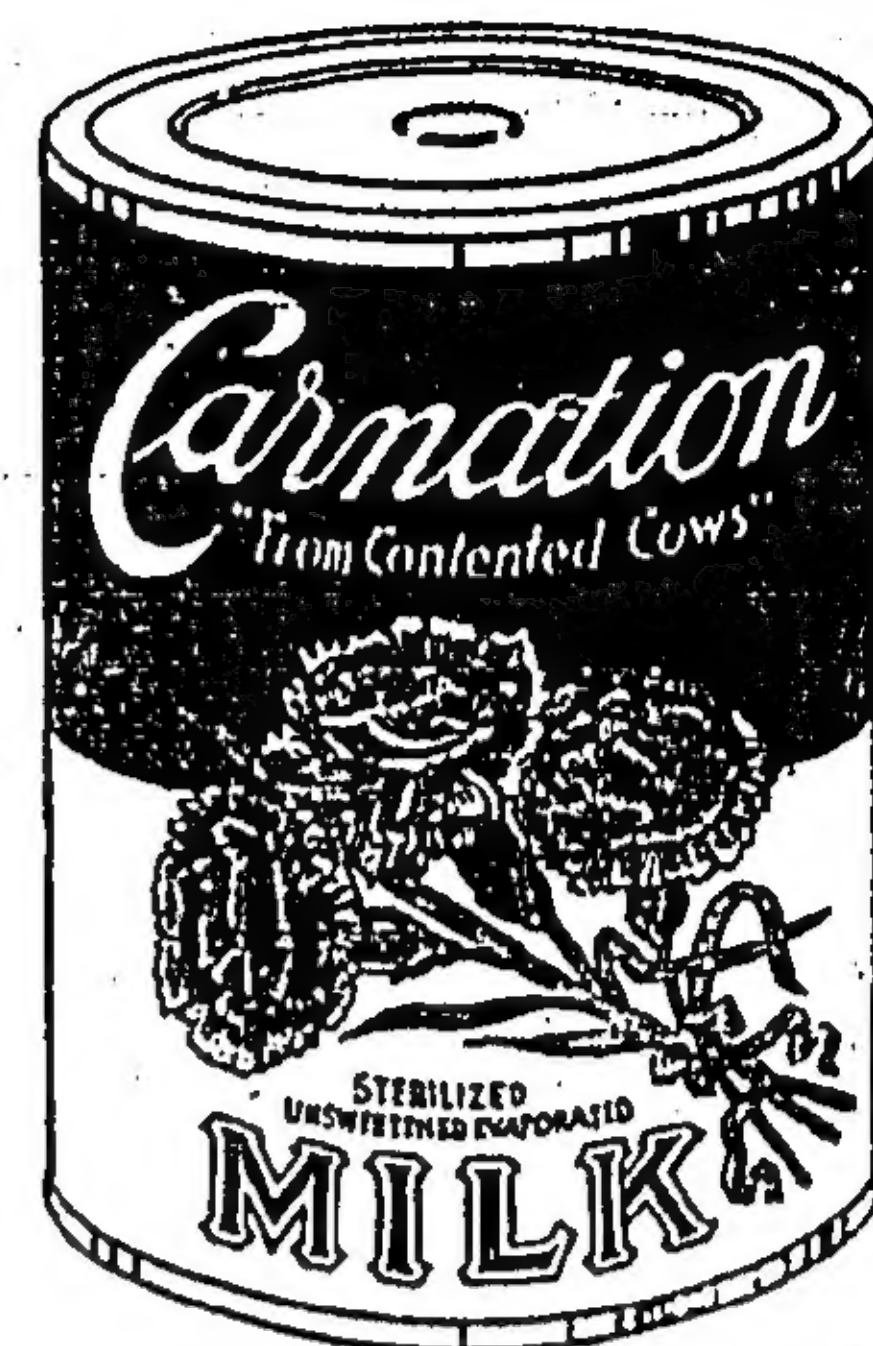
The management of the Skoda Works had been formally in Czech hands, but until October the French had their representatives in the administration and the management. Director Rochette was recalled four weeks ago. Close co-operation had existed between the Schneider-Creusot and Skoda works with regard to commercial, as well as technical or-

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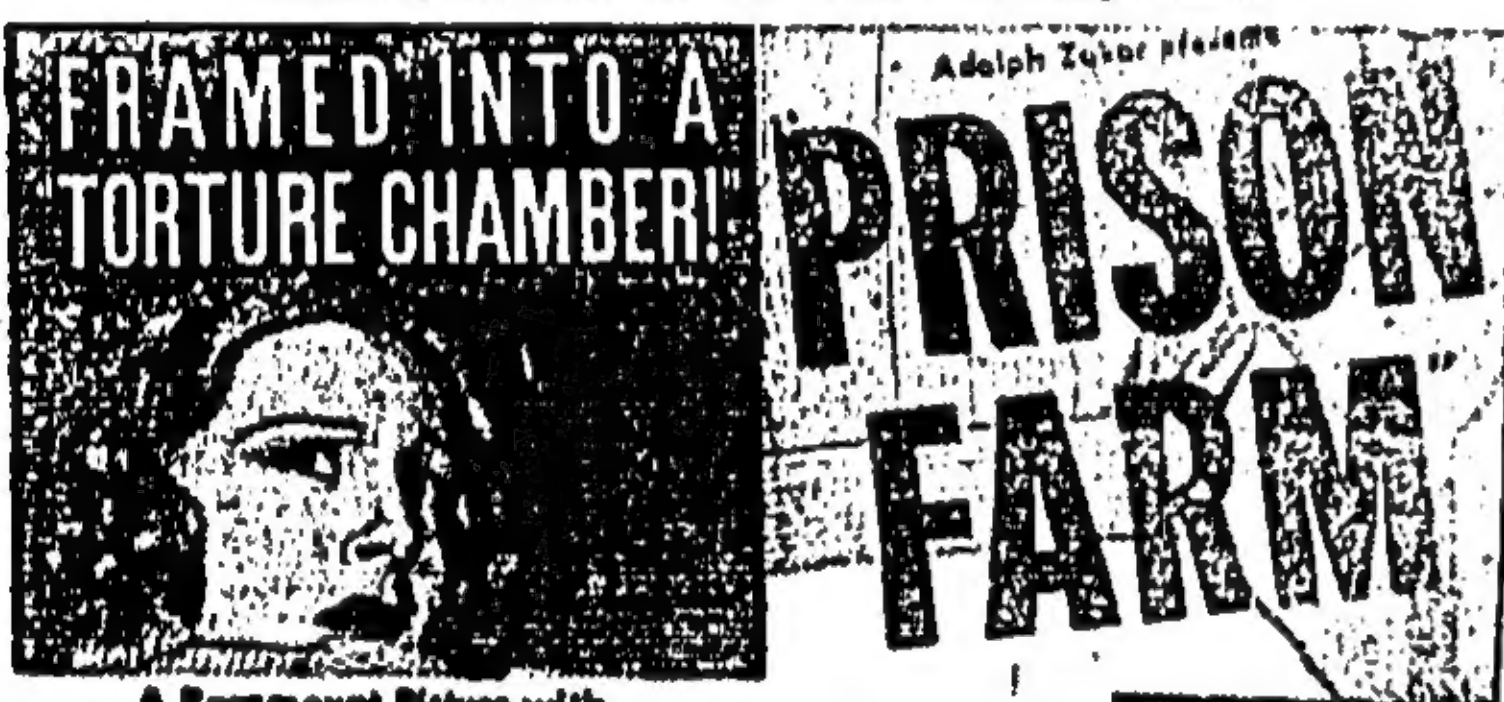
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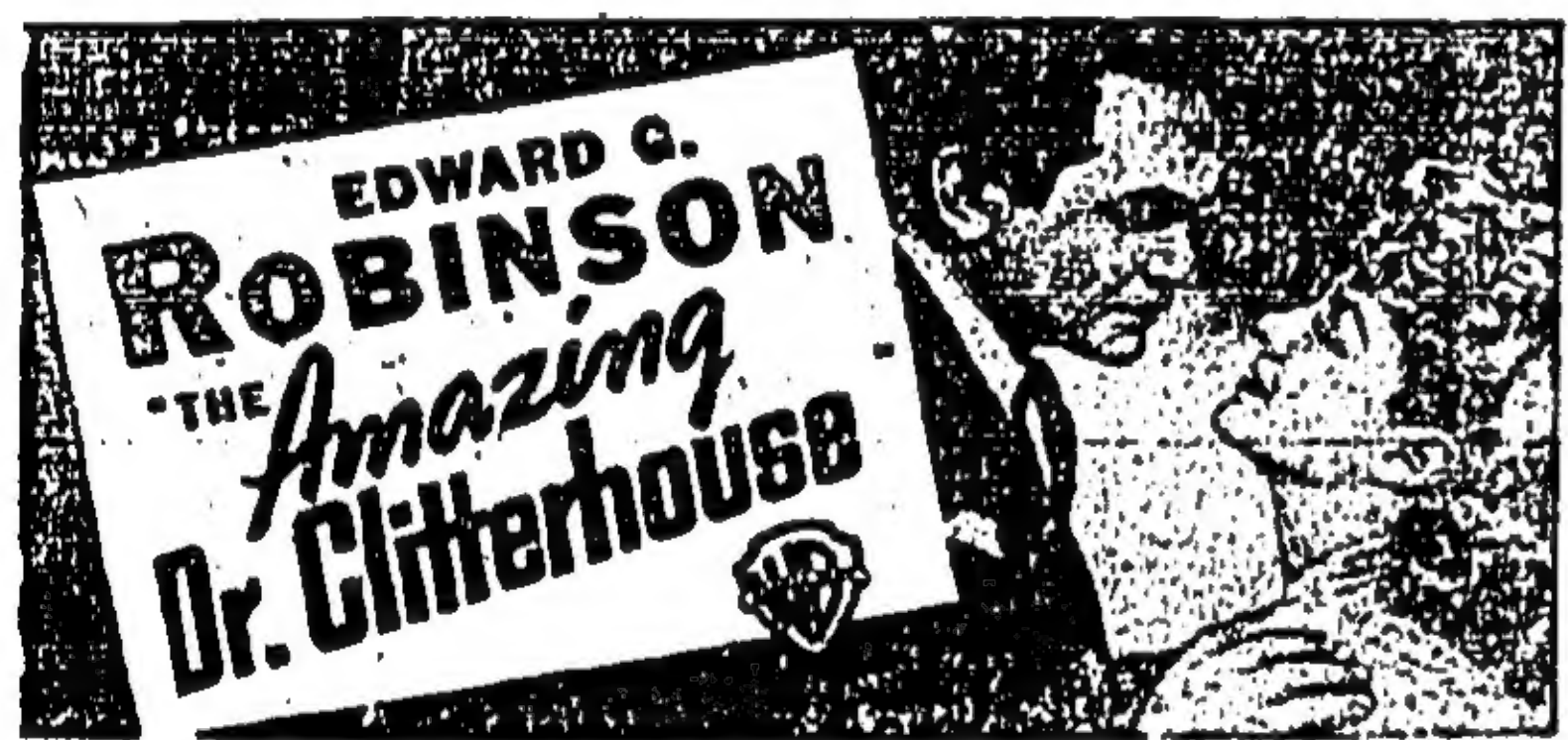
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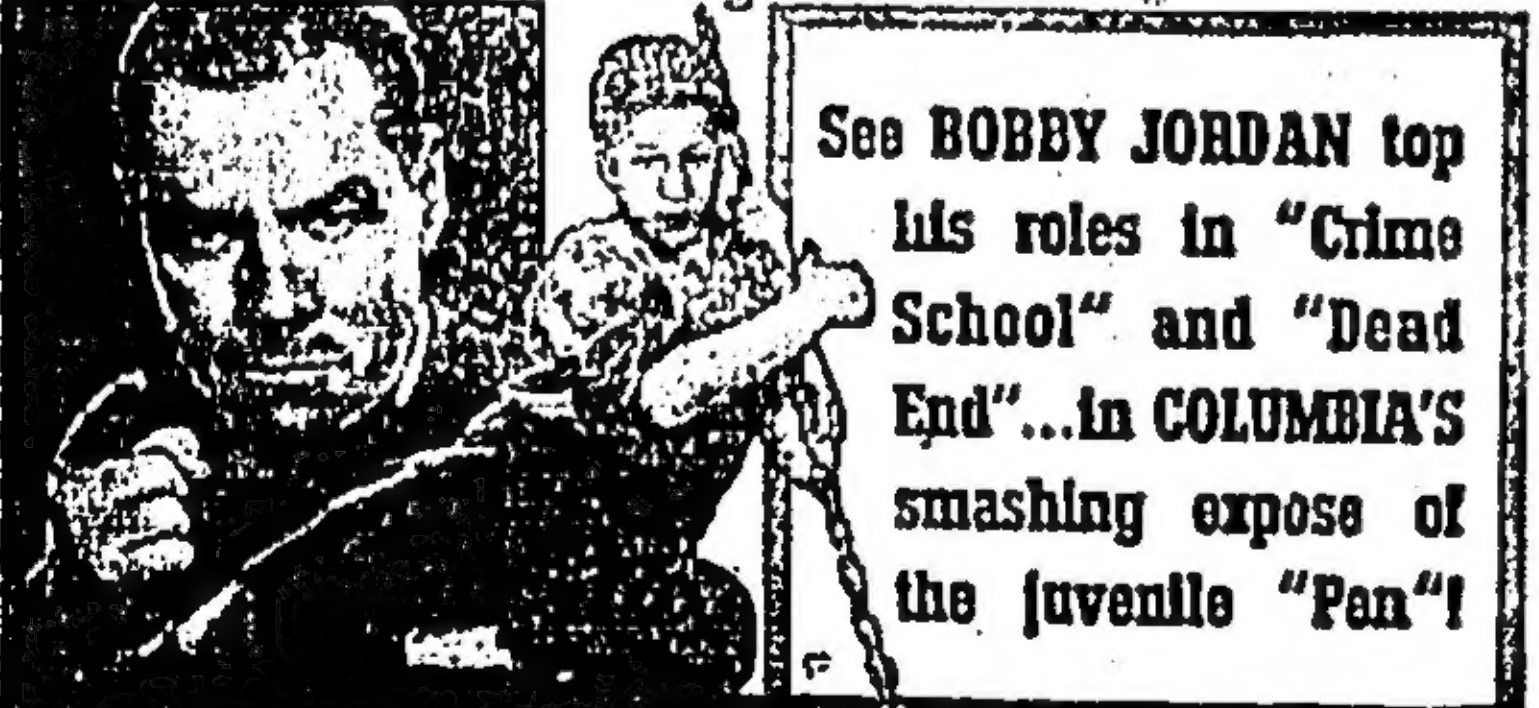
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Word has been received in Hongkong of a gratifying improvement in the health of Mr. T. W. H. Hoesgood, who is travelling to England on the Canton.

Concern was felt by his friends when Mr. Hoesgood considered it necessary, on account of illness, to have his leave as Deputy Harbour Master put forward, and the news that he is enjoying better health will be welcomed.

HOLLYWOOD,

Dec. 28.

EX-MRS. WILLIAM POWELL is to become Mrs. Clark Gable No. 3 as soon as Clark Gable's divorce with Mrs. Gable No. 2 is finalised, according to Hollywood rumours.

Clark Gable and wife No. 2 have already separated. And one more "Hollywood divorce" is coming.

No sooner did reports of the estrangement reach New York than Dame Rumour got busy with rumours.

At first Elizabeth Allan, the twenty-five-year-old English actress who went to Hollywood nearly three years ago, was mentioned.

But the film Colony and Broadway have now decided that Gable is going to marry Carole Lombard as soon as his divorce from Rhea, his second wife, is finalised.

As so many other Hollywood couples have done at such times, Clark and Rhea both say, "We shall remain good friends."

Mrs. Gable says that Clark is "hard to live with."

Mrs. Gable No. 2 was on the stage before her marriage. Maiden name—Rhea Langham. Age—a few years older than Clark, who is thirty-five. Mrs. Clark Gable No. 1 was



CAROLE LOMBARD

Josephine Dillon, dramatic coach. Their marriage ended—in divorce—just about the time that Clark Gable rose to film stardom.

LONG FRIENDSHIP

Clark and Carole—the former Mrs. William Powell until a Reno divorce in 1934—have been seen together at the smart spots of Hollywood for nearly two years.

The first hint of a romantic friendship arose during the making of "My Man Godfrey." In this picture, Carole Lombard had the ironic experience of playing a romantic role opposite her ex-husband.

Clark and Carole admit they are "perfect friends," but refuse to disclose whether Hollywood rumour of an impending marriage is correct.



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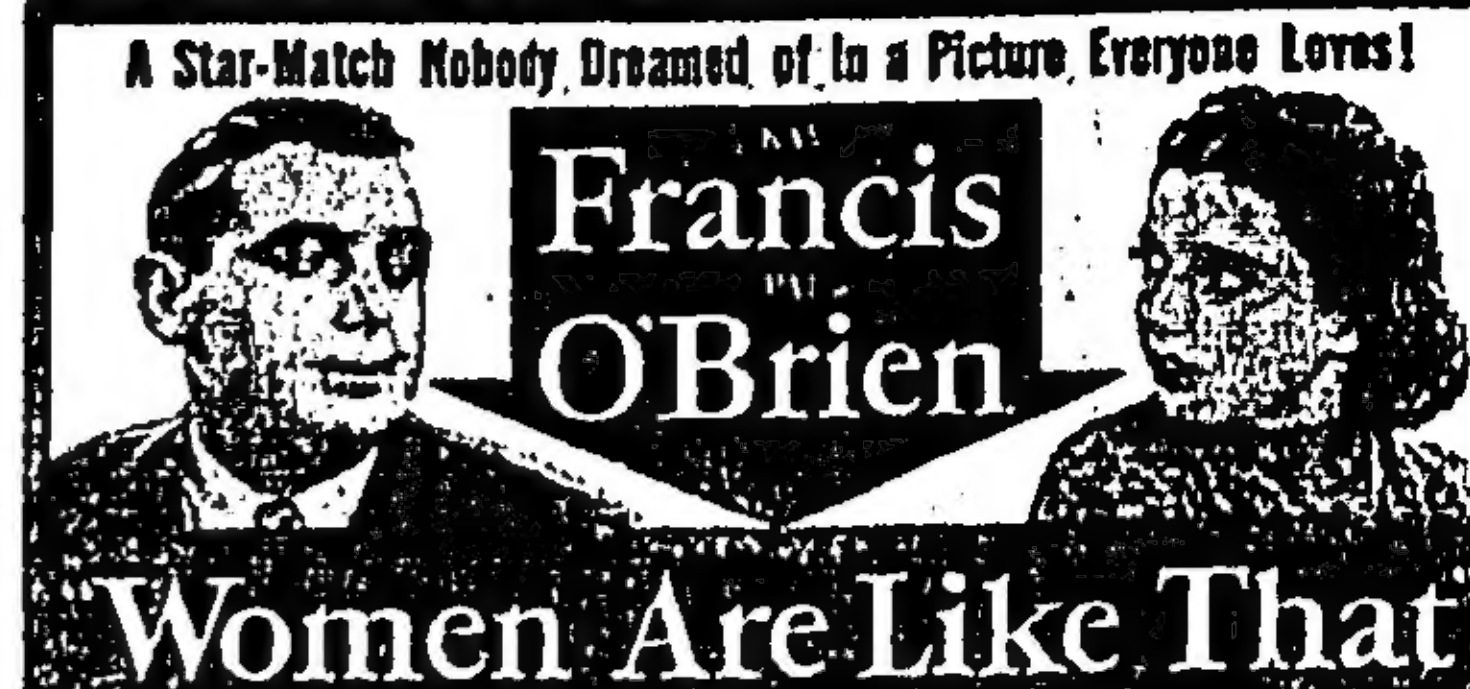
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